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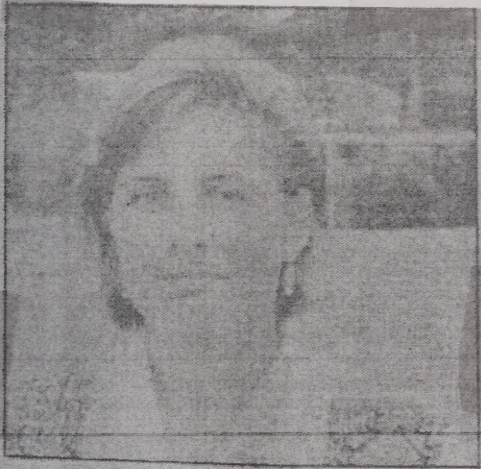
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“She’s like a magnet,” said Rausch. “The 18-, 19-, and 20-year-olds are all amazed that she’s still running. The coaches are often cheering for her instead of the others on their teams.”

Rausch said that during the heat of competition Varzeas works hard at keeping her teammates together, a key strategy in winning cross country races.

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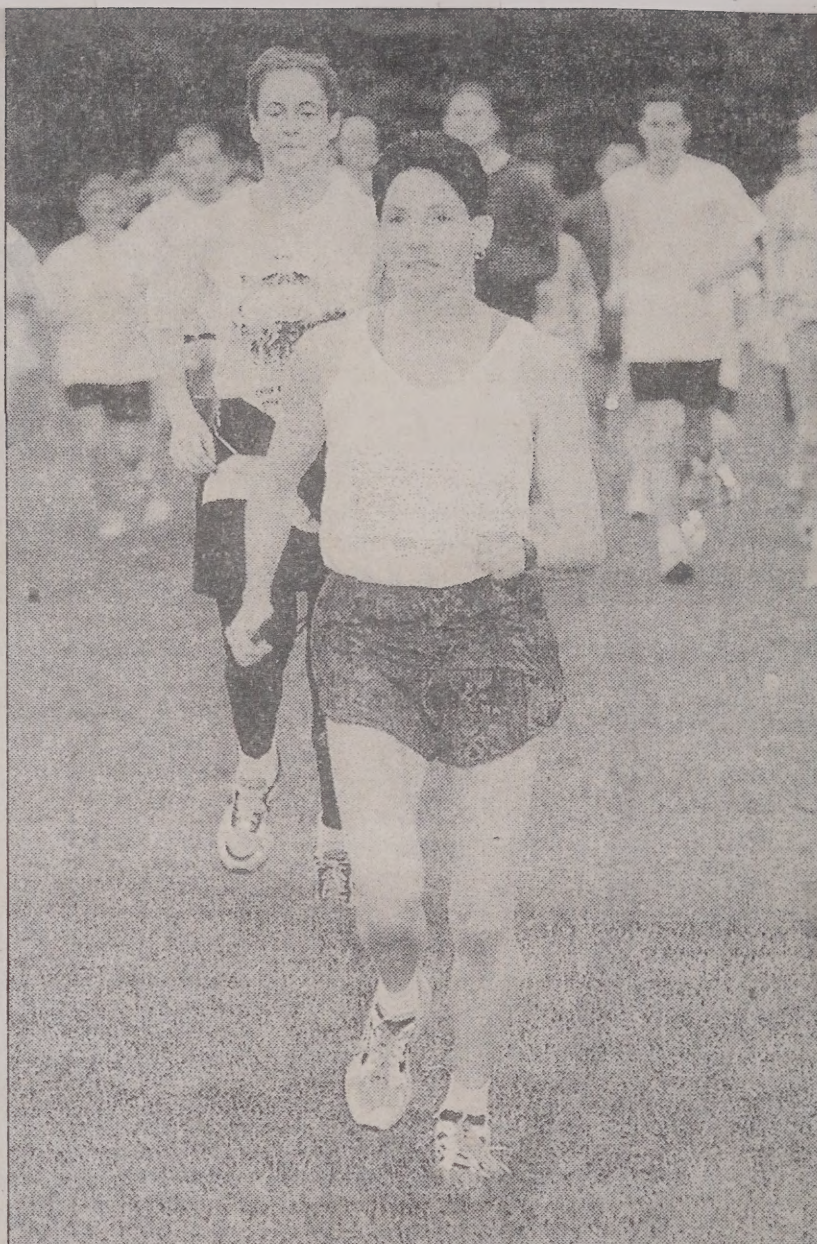
But Varzeas says the helping has frequently gone both ways during the course of her WSC career.

When she enrolled as an older WSC student three years ago, she had to learn how to study all over again.

“A lot of kids helped me get through and I like to be able to do the same for them,” said Varzeas.

Originally from New Jersey, Varzeas came to the Westfield area 11 years ago to be closer to her family. Her mother, Nancy K. Bridges, was born and raised in Belchertown and now lives in Westfield too.

Varzeas, who worked as a legal assistant in New Jersey, enrolled as a full-time WSC student three years ago after a long talk with Movement Sciences Chair



Staff photo by MICHAEL S. GORDON

Tina Maria Varzeas, front, leads her team in cross country practice at Westfield State College last week. Most members of her team are half her age.

“It’s the best thing I have ever done,” said Varzeas. “And I feel very fortunate to be able to compete at the college.”

Varzeas downplays the age-difference between she and her academic peers.

“I fit in very well,” said Varzeas. “I love all the kids and I feel very comfortable on campus. I think it’s a great college. It’s like my home.”

In what little spare time she has, between running and her studies, Varzeas holds down two jobs. She is an event manager and five and 10 kilometer race coordinator the Massachusetts Senior Games and also works several

helping them to stay active. It’s also kind of a curious role reversal for her — instead of being the oldest in a particular setting, she’s one of the youngest.

“I don’t have to go so far myself,” said Varzeas, perhaps only half-jokingly referring to the time when she becomes eligible to compete in the Senior Games.

Varzeas, who began running in 1980, has run one marathon and several half-marathons and said she would like to do more in the future when she has a little time.

“I want to try and qualify for Boston if I can,” said Varzeas.

Varzeas said she plans on continuing her education.

Westfield State Tops in State College Athletics

Fall 1998

by Mickey Curtis, Sports Information Director

The 20-year drought is over as Westfield State College captured the 1997-98 Smith Cup championship in the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC).

The Smith Cup signifies athletics excellence in the eight-team conference, and is awarded to the MASCAC institution that compiles the most points based on the placement of each of its programs competing in the 14 league championships.

In the fiercest race in 25 years, Westfield State shares the Smith Cup with Bridgewater State; both colleges finished with 40 points. Salem State, winner of 15 of the past 20 Smith Cups, totaled 37 points.

"I don't think a lot of our student-athletes realize the significance of the Smith Cup. Many weren't even born the last time we won it," said second-year athletics director Ken Magarian, who first came to Westfield State as a student nearly 30 years ago, and was the head baseball coach the last time the Owls won the Smith Cup in 1978.

"Everything fell into place for us this year. The student-athletes and coaches worked hard to achieve success and they all supported each other—school spirit was really high this year," he said.

The women's softball team in particular came through in the clutch.

The Smith Cup winner was determined in dramatic fashion on the final day of the season. Westfield State needed to win at least one game of a softball doubleheader with Fitchburg State to claim a share of the Smith Cup.

In a playoff-like setting, the Owls lost the first game, 1-0. Westfield then won the second game, 3-2, when freshman pitcher Phannessa Fisher of Sterling stroked a game-winning solo home run just inside the right-field foul pole with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The stunning shot was Westfield's first homer of the season and could not have come at a better time.

"That was a great way to end the season," Magarian said. "That [homerun] ball is going into our Athletics Hall of Fame."

The game-winning homer was a fitting end to the Smith Cup race. Westfield State dominated the fall sports to take a commanding league in the battle for conference supremacy. The Owls earned points in all seven fall sports, winning conference championships in women's soccer, men's soccer, field hockey and women's cross country. They finished second in women's volleyball and placed third in both football and men's cross country.

In total, Westfield earned Smith Cup points in 11 of 13 sports and won six confer-

ence championships. The Owls also claimed conference crowns in women's and men's outdoor track and field. They finished second in women's basketball and took the key third place in softball.

Six Smith Cup points are awarded for first place, four for second place and two for third place in the round-robin team competitions. Three points are awarded for first place, two for second place and one for third place in cross country and track and field.

Peter Mazza, Westfield State vice president of student affairs, congratulated the athletes "for excellence on and off the field" as well as the athletics department staff and coaches.

"The culmination of the year with the Smith Cup is a remarkable one, showing hard work and discipline on the part of so many people," Mazza said.

"To maintain this level of athletic excellence we are going to have to work even harder in the future. It's a challenge we are looking forward to," Magarian said.

Q&A: Athletic director Magarian

guides Westfield

State

Q. Is everything moving in the right direction for Westfield State?

A. I think so. I think so. I feel good. Obviously our football

team the last few years has been very successful. ... But people don't understand. Football's different. Whether you like it or not, whether it gets more exposure in the newspaper, or TV, facts are facts. Maybe it's because there's a lot of interest. People come back for football. It's more of a spectator sport, but the past two years that our football team has had great success, the interest of our alumni - I'm talking about alumni of the '40s and '50s who have never come back here, they've come back here. And the football was the drawing part. They've never seen a Westfield State football game. Football began here in 1981. It's different, but Division III - and not because it's Div. III but because I think that's the way it should be - football gets no more than anyone else. Maybe the media gives them more, and that's nice. But we make sure all our other teams get the exact same thing because it's the students participating. Their experience is the most important thing. When they leave here with a degree - in criminal justice or computer science, it doesn't make any difference - and they played field hockey, they played basketball or they ran track, that's what's important. And we want them one or 30 years out of school to support us. If they have a dollar to give us, that's great. But my first ask of them is to support us by telling people about your experience. Have them say, 'Gee, your looking for a college, look at Westfield. Go and visit Westfield.' That's what I want them to do. If they do that, most of my job is done. Because we'll get people to come here, they will see what's here and they will like what's here.

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For Magarian, WSC place to be



Ken
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By JEFF THOMAS

Staff writer

Ken Magarian came to Westfield State College from his native Tyngsboro in 1968 and essentially never left. From student to coach to administrator, Magarian has been a driving force behind the growth of athletics along Western Avenue. He has coached baseball and softball at the college, been the head athletic trainer, started and ran WSC's intramural/recreation sports program for 20 years and was pivotal in the creation of the Westfield

State College Athletics Hall of Fame. Magarian became only the third athletic director in the college's 164-year history in 1996.

Q. You came to Westfield State in the late '60s and never left. Why?

A. It wasn't meant to be, it was just that I came out here because I had heard it had a good program for teacher preparation, and I wanted to teach, and I wanted to coach. When I finished my undergraduate work here, I

went to Springfield College since Westfield didn't have an undergraduate degree in health, P.E. and athletics administration. I had to go there for a couple of years, and I was fortunate enough to meet up with and have Archie Allen as an instructor and as almost as (important) a mentor for me. And, of course, baseball was my game, and I played or attempted to play. At the same time, Westfield needed a freshman baseball coach, an assistant baseball coach, and someone to help with their recreation program. I said well, I can do my grad work here and come back and coach, and that's how it began, and yeah, you're right I never left. One thing led to another, and I think the college began to grow and expand and staff assistant, then assistant director, associate director, and I can't believe this is my eighth year being an athletic director. I've enjoyed it, but I really miss the baseball part, though. I wish I could have held on to being the baseball coach as well as doing all the athletics.

Q. What is the latest on Westfield State's new athletic facility?

A. The biggest focus that we're doing now is the field house, but the plans for that - they were talking about that, I was told, five years after Parenzo (Gym) was built, which was 1954. Now, in the '60s yes we were going to have a building, in the '70s we almost had a building. We had the Astroturf field put in, which was fantastic, but we never had an indoor facility to go with that. And many presidents have tried and president (Frederick) Woodward, it was his third day on campus, he said publicly that one of the number one things that he sees the campus needing is an indoor facility, an indoor athletic facility that can help out all departments. That was 1996 or 1997 and has taken this long. It has been a long time, and now the building is going up on Western Avenue. It is moving, and the opening date for the building is January 13 next year. So it is exciting here. Working with Boston, there is no express lane, but next January we will be there.

Q. Many of our readers probably don't realize that all of your coaches work on a part-time basis. How does Westfield State manage to be so successful with this system?

A. I'm not sure how we do that. We tell each coach when they begin here exactly how it is here. You know, we are not a Div. I, we are not even a Div. III with a full-time coach. That's not who we are, that's not what we are. That doesn't mean that we don't compete, and we can't do it. We have proven that we can do it, that we can win and we do compete with anybody. We try to, from my office, from our assistant directors, or staff or office people, our head trainers, we try to support and supply them with everything they can possibly need or want, whether it's mailings, phone calls, you name it, we will try to do everything for them so they don't have to do so much. I think it's worked. But they do go up against full-time people. That's all they do. So we feel pretty good about that.

Q. Everyone knows the success Steve Marino and the football team has had the last couple of years; but what about the success of your running teams?

A. Jerry Gravel, who retired here three years ago I think it was, he had been here since the '60s. He was full-time movement, science professor, he coached cross country and track and he was the one that formulated this tremendous program that has been carried on since, whether it cross country, indoor track, outdoor track, men's and women's. Our men just won the Alliance meet. The Alliance meet is the Mass. Conference colleges as well as the Little East - University of Southern Maine, Keene, Rhode Island College and all that - and our men set a record of most points ever gained in a meet. Our women, I think, were third. We're always in the top 10, top 15 of all the Division III colleges in the northeast, of which most are private. We're going against the Williams and the MITs, great programs that have super athletes, and we do very well. And segueing back into the field house, one of the cornerstones of the field house is an NCAA approved indoor running track (where) we can hold meets. The times will be official, records can be set there. We needed an indoor facility and not just for our varsity runners. Winter out here in Western Mass., sometimes they're long winters. Neighbors around here, they don't believe it when I tell them. 'Look, you go by that building being built on Western Avenue and next winter, you'll pull your car in or walk there - from 6 to 9 every morning you can walk the track.' That building is going to be for the college and the community. And maybe the community will use it more than the college.

Q. What's the status of men's ice hockey? We know you've been trying to upgrade from club status to varsity.

A. You know, you think that you know everything, but you really know that you don't. Hockey, I used to try to play a little hockey and thought I knew a lot. I don't know anything. Club hockey is not what you think it is. There's a level. The league that we're in this year, the Super East Hockey League - Siena, Stonybrook, Central Connecticut, NYU - they're good. I mean they're really good. And I base that on games that our team has had the past three or four years with regular Division III colleges. Good teams, whether it's Suffolk or Western New England or Nichols or whatever, decent teams in the league, and we go into this league and these are very, very talented hockey teams and, knock on wood, our team came in first this year in that league. Our coach was named coach of the year. We would have been invited to the national tournament in Anaheim, which is being played as we speak, except that first-year teams are not allowed to go. We are trying to get back to a varsity program, which we were for years, very successful. It's been 25 years since 1978 when we won the Division II-Division III ECAC Championship. In fact, this coming fall we are going to bring back that team and honor that team. We hope in the very near future that we'll be able to make an announcement that we are back as Division III in the ECAC as a varsity program. True, we have 17 varsity sports with ice hockey right there

busting the gate trying to get back in. With hockey in the very near future, our initial plans are to add women's (lacrosse). I'd like to see women's ice hockey here, but since we've never had a women's program, we don't have a base of any sort of women's hockey alumni, which is a huge sort of support for the men's program. And without it, there is no men's program. Women's lax is something that is wanted here and needed here.

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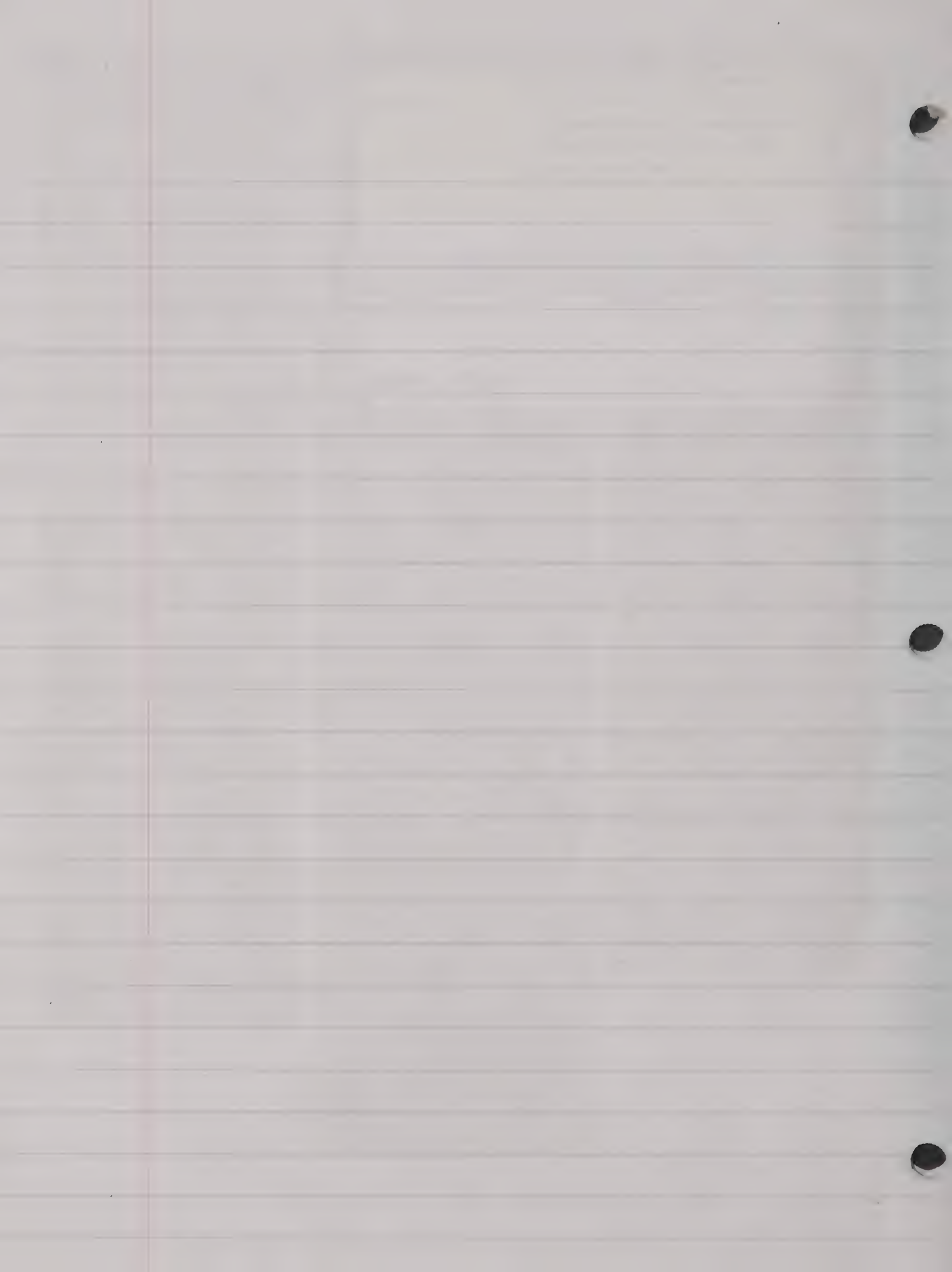
A. Well, we certainly can. I'd say since I've been here we've always been in the running. Since '98 when we won the Cup and tied Bridgewater and this past year (when we won), we've always been second or third. And 9.9 times out of 10, it's always been Bridgewater or Salem. Not because they're two or three times larger than we are? Nooooo. No, no, no. They're good programs, but they certainly have a lot more of all kinds of support as well, and good for them. But we're always in the running. But '98 we tied Bridgewater and we were champions, and last year we were outright champions, and for our college, for our size, that was just fantastic for the coaches, the kids and the teams. Every year, we're either No. 1 or one of the No. 1 colleges in our conference for academic achievement for athletes. We're always there, but we've never been able to put together the athletic side of being No. 1. Last year, we were able to do both, be first academically and first athletically. You can't ask for anything more than that. I think right now we are in second or third place after the winter sports, and there's just a couple of points separating Salem, Westfield, Worcester's in the mix, Bridgewater's in the mix. So again, it's going to come down to the spring sports of track, softball and baseball. Last year, we won it the last day of the last sporting event of the last event of that sporting event which happened to be here, a track meet of the conference. We edged out Bridgewater by half a point.



AMANDA (BRADEN) THERIAULT '98 is Westfield State's all-time leading scorer in women's basketball, pouring in 1,526 points during her stellar career.

Considered one of the best pure shooters in Westfield history, Theriault holds school career records for field goals made (547) and attempted (1,202) and free throw percentage (.766, 429 for 560).

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Collins was the team's Most Valuable Player in 1977, 1978 and 1980, and was selected the ECAC Rookie of the Year in 1977. He was a two-time ECAC All-Star and a Mass. State Conference All-Star his senior season in 1980. The Owls

qualified for the ECAC Tournament all four years, posting an aggregate record of 75 wins and 27 losses. They won the ECAC Championship in 1978 with a 20-2 record.

Collins was a deceptive skater with excellent puck control skills and a major scoring threat. He is Westfield State's all-time leading scorer with 262 points in 94 games, and also holds school records for goals (110) and assists (152) in a career, and goals (39), assists (53), and points (81) in a season. He led the ECAC in scoring in 1977 and was the second leading scorer in 1978.

Collins has been a police officer in Reading since 1986. He is an assistant ice hockey coach at Reading High School and also coaches in the Reading youth hockey league. Collins and his wife, Nancy, have five children: Katie (15), Sean (14), Brian (12), Jaime (11), and Garrett (7).

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D'Agnese still holds the school record in the 400 meter run (48.25), which is the former New England record. He set the record at the New England Division 3 championships when he upset then undefeated Keith Steinhouse of the United States Coast Guard Academy.

In his junior year, D'Agnese won the New England Division 3 indoor 500 meter championships in 1:04.7, also a school record. In his senior year, D'Agnese posted the fastest time in the nation at 400 meters, running a 49.1 at the Divi-

sion 3 indoor championships. In addition, he was a member of the record-setting 400 (41.81) and 1600 (3:12.61) relay squads. The 400 and 1600 relay times are still New England Division 3 records. The 1600 relay anchored by D'Agnese in a blistering 47.2 split earned him All-American status with a fourth place finish at the 1982 NCAA Division 3 national championships.

The Owls were a powerhouse during D'Agnese's years at Westfield State, winning the 1980 New England Division 3 outdoor championship and placing second and third, respectively, in 1981 and 1982.

D'Agnese graduated in 1977 from Swampscott High School, where he also starred in track, basketball and football. He still holds the Swampscott High School record in the 400 meter dash at 50.3. The following year he was a Maine state prep champion in the 200 and 400 meters.

D'Agnese lives in Swampscott and is employed at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. He is the proud father of a five-year-old son, A.J. D'Agnese still runs today, with his son riding his bicycle beside him.

MIKE GORRASI

Mike Gorrasi was a record-setting scorer in lacrosse at Westfield State from 1983-1986. He holds school records for most goals scored in a career (144), season (58) and game (10), and is the all-time leading scorer with 232 points.

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Following his graduation from Westfield State in 1986, Gorrasi played for the North Adelaide Lacrosse Club in South Australia for two years. He was selected to play for the New England Blazers professional indoor lacrosse team from 1989-90. He continues to play for club teams in the Boston area.

Gorrasi resides in hometown of Winchester and is an airline pilot for USAirways Express. He and his wife Kristen (Connors), also a 1986 Westfield State graduate, have two children: Nicholas (4) and Zachary (three months).

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Hennessy's best seasons statistically were in 1986 when she averaged 20.0 points and 10.8 rebounds per game, and in 1985 when she averaged 17.5 points and 9.5 rebounds each contest.

In addition to her scoring prowess, Hennessy, a 5-8 forward, is the former school record holder in career rebounds (701) and assists (184), and field goals (471) and free throws made (432).

The Northampton native resides in Enfield, Conn., and is an elementary school and language arts resource teacher at East Farms School in Farmington, Conn. She participates in two women's basketball leagues and enjoys golf, skiing and traveling.

AL STREETER

Al Streeter, Class of 1972, was a soccer and baseball standout at Westfield State. A goalie in soccer, Streeter still holds school records for most shutouts in a career (30) and season (9). He set the season standard in 1970 when he was an all conference selection and helped to lead the Owls to the New England state championship with a 15-1-1 record.

Streeter was a four-year starter and the Owls posted an aggregate record of 49-10-9. In his senior season, Streeter was a co-captain and received the team's College Award for his outstanding contributions.

Streeter also captained the baseball team his senior year. He led the team that season with 30 hits, six home runs, 23 RBI and a .345 batting average.

Streeter, a native of Dalton, is a math teacher at Kiley Middle School in Springfield and has served as an assistant varsity boys' soccer coach at Springfield Cathedral High School since 1978. In the past 19 seasons, Cathedral has won three state championships, nine Western Mass. titles, and was ranked second nationally in 1993 with a 23-0 record. In 1991 Streeter was presented a letter of commendation from the Pioneer Valley Soccer Officials Association.

Streeter resides in Hampden and has been actively involved in the town's recreation association for many years. He coaches youth basketball and baseball teams and is the father of three children: Chris (22), Kerry (19) and Bryan (11). Chris is a senior at Westfield State College and is a captain of the men's soccer team.

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STREETER CAPTAINS - Chris Streeter, right, a senior captain on this year's men's soccer team, visits with his father, Al, during the Alumni soccer game held Sept. 6. Al Streeter, who is being inducted into the Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame Oct. 25, was a soccer captain in 1971. *Photo By Ken Magarian*

NCAA Chooses Westfield For Life Skills Program

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By Mickey Curtis
Sports Information Director

Owls Win with CHAMPS/Life Skills. This theme will be circulating among all varsity athletics teams at Westfield State College this fall.

Westfield State College is one of the 15 NCAA Division III and 166 total colleges participating in the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. The mission of the program is to enhance the student-athlete experience within the college setting by promoting student involvement in the college's academic and out-of-class activities in the following five commitment areas:

Commitment to Academic Excellence: This commitment includes academic counseling and advising, recognizing and honoring achievements, training in goal setting, time management and study skills, and offering tutoring.

Commitment to Athletic Excellence: This includes offering a broad program of sports, maintaining equality in athletics, providing well qualified coaching and support staffs, and providing the best facilities, equipment, accommodations and support programs to student-athletes.

Commitment to Personal Development: Important in this commitment are interpersonal communication, fiscal responsibility, value clarification, nutrition, eating disorders, alcohol and substance use and abuse, and issues dealing with authority.

Commitment to Service: The goal of this commitment

is for students to get involved in community service, mentoring and public speaking.

Commitment to Career Development: The commitment is a comprehensive plan which includes freshmen through post college goals for preparing the students for the future.

Each institution provides programming and services in the five commitment areas to student-athletes with help from materials provided by the NCAA. After being accepted into the NCAA program CHAMPS/Life Skills this past spring, and after training in Kansas City and months of planning, the athletics department at Westfield State is ready to launch the program.

At Westfield State, the mission of the CHAMPS/Life Skills program mirrors that of the Athletics Department, Student Affairs, and the entire college. Therefore, the Athletics Department envisions a campus wide program with faculty, staff, and students all involved.

"The CHAMPS/Life Skills Program will enhance the quality of the students' campus experience and prepare them for the many challenges they will face in life after college," said Westfield State College assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, who is coordinating the program. "They will have the opportunity to build their self esteem, to improve their leadership skills, and they will receive education regarding personal health and enhancing personal relationships."

Over the past few years, the

athletics department has been expanding the services and programs offered in the five commitment areas. For example, all teams are required to participate in community service; an academic monitoring program has been put in place for freshmen; and the department has made a conscientious effort to hire qualified and capable part-time coaches who believe in the importance of life skills and understand the role of Division III student-athletes.

Student-athlete and coaches handbooks have been revised to state the mission and clarify the department's goals; a Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) has been developed to facilitate communication from team leaders and to assist with programming; and a student-athlete awards banquet has been implemented by SAAB to honor and recognize individual and team accomplishments on the field and in the classroom.

The quality of team travel accommodations and food service arrangement have increased. And continually, statistics have shown that student-athletes do as well as or better in the classroom than the general student body.

Bals noted that student-athletes will be involved in the planning of the CHAMPS/Life Skills programs and, in some cases, will lead the workshops. As a result of participating, two Westfield State student-athletes will be chosen to attend the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida.

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Seven Owls Honored

Seven Westfield State College athletes were cited for their fine play the first week of the fall sports seasons, including three Owls who were named Mass. State Conference Players of the Week: Kyle Labadorf in men's soccer; Keryn Bohane in field hockey; and Katelynn Butler in volleyball.

Labadorf, a sophomore forward from Wilbraham, scored two goals and added an assist in Westfield's 6-4 victory over Rhode Island College. It was Westfield's first victory of the season and the first collegiate win for coach Paul Whalley.

Bohane, a freshman forward from Hanover, tallied two goals in a key 3-1 conference road victory at Fitchburg State.

Butler, a sophomore from Norwood, had 11 kills in four games and added four blocks and five aces in the Owls' 3-1 season-opening victory over WPI. The win was historic as Westfield has brought back the varsity sport after a nine-year hiatus.

Named to women's soccer weekly honor roll was senior forward Sandy Pinto of Ludlow. Westfield's all-time leading scorer

had two goals last week, including the lone goal in a 1-0 victory at RPI.

Three members of the Westfield State College football team were named to the New England Football Conference honor roll despite a 38-25 setback at Hartwick.

Senior Tyler Gerry of Shelburne Falls amassed 319 all purpose yards: 140 receiving on eight catches, 66 on six punt returns, and 113 on six kickoff returns. Gerry, who also was named to the ECAC weekly honor roll, had a 74 yard punt return called back by a clip.

Sophomore wide receiver Eric Buckley of Attleboro had seven catches for 118 yards and touchdowns covering 20 and 15 yards. Westfield's two quarterbacks - Mike Bartlette and Dean DiGregorio - teamed up to complete 21 of 43 passes for 357 yards to set three new team single-game passing records.

Freshman linebacker Brett Poirier of North Attleboro was honored defensively. He recorded nine tackles, including five solos and two for losses and one sack, and also recovered a fumble.



Senior Jill Paghera tied a school record by scoring four goals in a 5-0 victory over Elms College. *SID File Photo*

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Football Rallies Past Boston

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Senior quarterback Mike Bartlett threw three touchdown passes and compiled 273 yards in total offense, and sophomore running back Jason Votzakos rushed for 148 yards and one touchdown to lead Westfield to a 26-18 win over UMass Boston.

The Owls are 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the New England Football Conference. It was the season opener for UMass Boston.

Bartlett only completed six of 21 passes, but half of his completions went for touchdowns, including two in the second half to spark Westfield from a 18-12 deficit. He

finished with 183 passing yards and rushed for 90 yards on 17 carries.

Bartlett hooked up with sophomore wide receiver Eric Buckley on a 77-yard score that gave the Owls a 19-18 lead with 5:05 left in the third quarter. Tight end Gregg Haynes caught a 37-yard scoring toss from Bartlett with 13:30 left in the game for the final points.

For the second straight week the opposition stunned the Owls at the outset, as UMass Boston's Qasim Ward returned the opening kickoff 85 yards down the left sidelines for a touchdown. Westfield tied the score two minutes later on

a 38-yard TD jaunt by Votzakos.

The Beacons took a 12-6 lead with 9:16 left in the first quarter, but the Owls tied the score again on a 48-yard touchdown pass from Bartlett to Tyler Gerry.

UMass Boston took an 18-12 lead with 9:04 left in the first half on Sean Shakan's seven-yard touchdown run, which was set up when the Beacons recovered a fumble at the Westfield 15.

Westfield rolled up 440 yards in total offense; UMass Boston had 308. Beacon quarterback Emil Johnson completed 10 of 22 passes for 106 yards.

X-Country, Field Hockey, Men's Soccer

Cross Country Results

WILLIAMSTOWN - The Westfield State women's cross country team finished sixth in the 14-team Williams Invitational.

Sophomore Diana Cares was Westfield's top finisher, placing 16th with a time of 22:03 over the five kilometer course. Sophomores Melissa Merrow and Lisa Roy finished 24th (22:23) and 30th (22:41).

In the men's meet, the Owls were 14th in the 18-team field. Host Williams College won both meets.

Kevin LaCoste was Westfield's stop finisher, placing 60th with a time of 29:34 over the five-mile layout.

Wesleyan 3 - Field Hockey 0

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. - The Owls were blanked by the third-ranked

team in the New England West Region.

Wesleyan University remains undefeated at 4-0 while Westfield is 3-3.

Field Hockey 5 - Elms 0

Jill Paghera's four goals tied a school record shared by four other players. She also added an assist. Freshman standout Keryn Bohane tallied one goal and two assists.

Men's Soccer 6

Albertus Magnus 1

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Freshman Tim Whitney of Marlboro scored three goals. Westfield was 3-2 heading into Friday night's home matchup vs. local rival AIC.

All of the scoring was done in the second half. Sophomore Karl Labadorf

of Wilbraham scored two of Westfield's first three goals.

Men's Soccer 8 - Johnson & Wales 1

PROVIDENCE - The Owls, 2-2 overall, erupted for six second-half goals to rout Johnson & Wales.

Freshman Andrew Lewis of Danver scored three goals for first-year coach Paul Whalley. Sophomore Kyle Labadorf of Wilbraham added two goals

Volleyball Splits

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State volleyball split a tri-match here Thursday. The Owls are now 4-3 in their first season of varsity competition since 1988.

Westfield lost to Johnson & Wales 15-11, 8-15, 13-15, 12-15. The Owls swept host WNEC 15-7, 15-3, 15-5.

Football Falls To Fitchburg

FITCHBURG - Standout sophomore running back D'Andra Freeman compiled 268 yards of total offense and scored three touchdowns to lead Fitchburg State to a 35-13 football victory over Westfield State Sept. 27.

It was Fitchburg's first ever victory against the Owls in 13 tries. The Falcons are 2-1 while Westfield is 1-2 heading into Saturday afternoon's home game vs. Framingham State.

Freeman, a Waterbury, Conn., native, was named ECAC Offensive Player of the Week as he rushed for 167 yards on 27 carries and caught five passes for 101 yards.

The Falcons built an early 21-0 lead as they turned two Westfield interceptions into touchdowns.

The Owls committed five turnovers and were flagged 10 times for 88 penalty yards. They only completed 6 of 24 passes.

Sophomore running back Jason Votzakis was the lone bright spot. The Agawam native rushed for 92 yards on 18 carries and a touchdown.

Cross Country

The Westfield State cross country teams competed in the prestigious Codfish Bowl Invitational on Sept. 27 at Franklin Park in Boston.

The women placed ninth in the 14-team field. Sophomore Diana Cares was the top finisher, running the 3.1 race in 20:26.

She was followed by Melissa Merrow (48th, 20:35), Ann LaFauci (77th, 21:26), and Tina Marie Varzeas (95th, 21:56).

The Westfield men finished 11th in the 17-team field. Joe Fois was 56th in 27:01 over the five-mile layout. He was followed by Kevin LaCoste (60th, 27:08); Garrett Ford (92nd, 27:59), and Chris MacDonald (101st, 28:16).

Westfield is idle during Columbus Day weekend, then it will host the third annual James Earley Invitational Oct. 18 at Stanley Park.

Owls Edged In OT SEPT. 1997

Keene 2 - Women's Soccer 1, OT

Celena Chickering, a freshman from Keene, N.H., High School, blasted a 15-yard shot high into the right side of the net to lead Keene State to a 2-1 come-from-behind victory over the Westfield State women's soccer team.

Westfield State is now 4-2 heading into Saturday's big matchup at Smith College. Keene State improved to 6-1-1.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead with 22:21 left in regulation on a scramble goal by freshman Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield. Keene sent the game into overtime with a goal seven minutes later, then scored 2:25 into the overtime for the sudden death victory.

Westfield outshot Keene State, 13-8.

Westfield 2 - Eastern Conn. 1

Krissy Palm of Beverly came off the bench to score her first goal of the season with seven minutes left to lift Westfield State.

Eastern led 1-0 at halftime before junior Holly Maines' first goal of the year tied the match.

Eastern missed an opportunity to move ahead when it missed a penalty kick 15 minutes into the second half and the Owls scored the go-ahead goal with just under seven minutes left. Senior Laura Pereira of Ludlow put a long free kick on goal which was punched out by the keeper, but Palm was there to send in the rebound.

Women's Soccer 2 - Norwich 0

Freshmen Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield and Becky Siok of Ludlow scored to lead Westfield.

Westfield State College

Fourth Annual

Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet

Saturday, October 25, 6:00 p.m.

Call 572-5405

For Ticket Information

OCT. '97 Volleyball Improves To 6-3

Volleyball Wins Two

The Westfield State women's volleyball team upped its record to 6-3 with by sweeping Framingham, 15-1, 15-4, 15-3, and Emmanuel College, 15-11, 15-12, 15-9.

The first-year program is coached by Jesse Adams, who is also the intramurals director at Westfield State.

Lahue Scores 3 Goals

Field Hockey 5 - Endicott 0

Junior Lori Lahue scored three goals and added an assist to lead Westfield State last Thursday night.

The Owls evened their record at 4-4. Senior Jill Paghera contributed three assists.

Also scoring were senior Danielle Baldassare on a penalty stroke and sophomore Kara Jagodzinski on off a penalty corner.

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, October 6
Women's Soccer
at Anna Maria, 4:00

Tuesday, October 7
Men's Soccer
Mass Maritime, Home, 4:00
Volleyball
Anna Maria, Home, 6:00

Wednesday, October 8
Field Hockey
Bentley, Home, 7:00

Thursday
October 9
Women's Soccer
Framingham, Home, 7:00

Friday, October 10
Football
Coast Guard, Home, 7:00
Volleyball
Gordon Invitational

Saturday, October 11
Men's Soccer
at Fitchburg, 7:00
Women's Soccer
at Colby Sawyer, 1:00
Field Hockey
at Assumption, 2:00
Volleyball
Gordon Invitational

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Runner Gets Better With Age

By Tony Staffiere

When athletes reach middle age it usually means it's time for them to call it quits.

Not for 43-year-old Tina Marie Varzeas, who will lace up her racing flats for the second year as a top-five runner on the Westfield State women's cross country team.

The third-year movement science major has always held a love for running.

"I love running," said Varzeas, who is pursuing a double major in physical

education and health fitness. "No matter what age you are, you can still run and lead a healthy lifestyle."

Varzeas, who will turn 44 in November, serves as a motivational tool for Owls' head coach Robert Rausch.

"The other runners see her and say if she can do it, then I must be able to do it," said Rausch.

Varzeas' teammates also feel that she brings a positive attitude and strong competitiveness to the team which helps them prepare for meets each week.

"She's an inspiration," said tri-captain Darlee Burns. "I hope when I'm 43, that's going to be me."

Varzeas also competes in the 3,000 meter and 5,000 meter runs for both the Westfield State winter and spring track programs.

A New Jersey native, Varzeas was not afforded the opportunity to attend college after high school. She attended training classes at a law institute to learn how to become a legal assistant. After the training, Varzeas spent five years as a secretary for a consumer fraud investigating firm in New Jersey.

Still longing to pursue a college education, Varzeas packed up and moved to western Massachusetts to live with relatives.

Once she settled in, Varzeas visited Westfield State. After a long talk with movement science Chairperson Tilja Fantasia, she decided to enroll as a full-time student.

Besides carrying the course load of a double major, Varzeas also holds down several jobs. She is currently the event manager and five and 10 kilometer race coordinator for the Massachusetts Senior Games, an event held annually in Springfield. Varzeas also works several hours as a fitness trainer in the campus Wellness Center.

When asked what the future holds, Varzeas said she sees herself coaching track at the collegiate level.

"I love the sport and I love the people," said Varzeas.



Tina Marie Varzeas

Men's Soccer

Keeps Winning

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The streaking Westfield State College men's soccer team won its fifth straight game by blanking UMass Boston, 3-0, Wednesday.

The Owls of first-year coach Paul Whalley were 6-2 heading into Friday's 7:00 p.m. home game vs. Springfield College. UMass Boston is 4-4-1.

The Owls snapped a scoreless halftime tie with three second-half goals. Sophomore Peter Beaupre of Monson scored twice, including a goal four minutes into the second half.

Chris Machado scored on a controversial direct kick with 19 minutes remaining. Beaupre added an insurance goal with 40 seconds left in the game on a breakaway. Assisting on the final goal was senior keeper Judson Graham of Agawam, who was credited with five saves.

The Owls outshot UMass, 15-5.

Men's Soccer 5 - AIC 3

The Owls held on for a 5-3 victory over local rival AIC.

The Owls jumped out to a 3-0 lead but AIC rallied to tie the score early in the second half before an enthusiastic crowd of 500.

Freshman Andy Lewis of Danvers had two goals and an assist on the game-winning goal.

Sophomore Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham had the game-winning goal on a breakaway with 5:33 left in the game. Senior Chris Streeter of Hampden scored two goals.

Men's Soccer 1 - Framingham 0

The Westfield State College men's soccer team edged Framingham State, 1-0, in its Mass. State Conference opener Monday, Sept. 28, at Alumni Field.

Framingham is 4-4 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

Sophomore Karl Labadorf scored the game-winning goal for the third consecutive contest. The Wilbraham native blasted a 25-foot shot into the left corner with 25:03 left in the game as the Owls outlasted the pesky Rams. Freshman Andrew Lewis assisted on the goal.

Westfield outshot Framingham, 26-4, but missed numerous scoring opportunities that hit the pipes, while Ram goalie Jason Gomez made numerous spectacular saves.

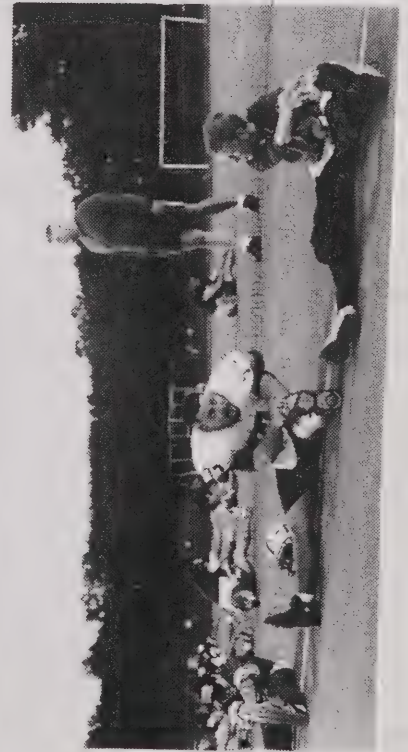
Entering the contest, the Owls had scored 19 goals in their past three games.

Freshman Bill Olsen and Judson Graham shared the goal keeping duties for Westfield, with Graham playing in the second half to notch the victory.



Football Team Scores With Youth Teams

The Westfield State College football team recently held a simulated practice session with players from the City of Westfield Youth Football League. The teams were the Colonials (grades 5 and 6) and Patriots (grades 7 and 8). The practice session is just one of the projects Westfield State College athletics teams are completing in conjunction with the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills program. The mission of the program is to enhance the student-athlete experience within the college setting by promoting student involvement in the college's academic and out-of-class activities. In the top right photo, senior captain Tyler Gerry visits with some youngsters, while at bottom right the youth team practices a running play. At top left, Westfield State head coach Steve Marino instructs the youth teams on the importance of academics. At bottom left, senior captain Ed Coleman talks to one of his new teammates during stretching exercises. Photos By Mickey Curtis



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Women's Soccer Wins Conference Opener

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Women's Soccer 2 - Worcester 1
WORCESTER - The Westfield State women's soccer team won its Mass. State Conference opener by edging Worcester State last Thursday.

The Owls were 5-3 heading into this past Saturday's game at home vs. WNEC.

Senior Laura Pereira of Ludlow scored the game-winning goal midway through the second half, nailing a direct kick from the left corner 25 yards out.

Worcester took the lead five minutes into the game, then

Westfield tied the score 22 minutes later on a goal by junior standout Holly Maines.

Smith 4 - Women's Soccer 3

NORTHAMPTON - The Westfield State women's soccer team dropped its second straight overtime game, falling 4-3 to Smith College.

With Westfield trailing, 3-1, Shawna Boudreau scored twice a minute apart midway the second half. Smith, ranked one of the top teams in New England, scored the game-winner seven minutes into the first sudden death overtime.

James Earley Invitational Saturday, Oct. 18

Open Run/Walk begins
at 1:00 p.m., Stanley Park

Donations are being
accepted for entry fee
Call 572-5392

Women's College Race - 11:00

Men's College Race - 12:00

Cross Country Results

HARTFORD - The Westfield State women's cross country team finished fifth in the nine-team Trinity Invitational.

Melissa Merrow placed 12th in 20:44, followed by Lisa Roy (20th, 21:10), Diana Cares (23rd, 21:18), Ann LaFauci (32nd, 22:01), and Lisa Marie Walsh (37th, 22:37).

In the men's meet, the Owls were fourth out of seven teams. Kevin LaCoste placed eighth in

27:50, followed by Joe Fois (12th, 28:26), Garrett Ford (21st, 29:07), Tim Trull (22nd, 29:16), and Chris MacDonald (26th, 29:35).

Westfield is idle this weekend, then will host the Third Annual James Earley Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Stanley Park. An open race will be held at 1:00 p.m.; it will be preceded by women's and men's college competition at 11 a.m. and noon.

Men's Soccer Bounces Back After Victory Skein Snapped

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The Westfield State men's soccer team defeated Mass Maritime Academy, 2-1, in a home match Tuesday afternoon.

The Owls improved to 7-3 overall and 2-0 in the Mass. State Conference. Mass Maritime is 3-7-1 and 0-5 in the conference.

Freshman Andrew Lewis scored the game-winning goal following an indirect kick with 9:58 left in the game.

Sophomore Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham scored to give Westfield an early 1-0 lead, then Mass Maritime tied the score with 11:13 left in the first half on a goal by Jon Williamson of Holyoke.

Westfield outshot the visitors, 10-2.

Springfield 2 - Men's Soccer 1

Sophomore forward Peter Levesque scored on a breakaway with 58 seconds left to lead Springfield College to a 2-1 victory over Westfield State Oct. 3 at Alumni Field.

The victory was Springfield's first of the season and snapped Westfield's five-game winning streak, its longest win skein since 1988.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead 28 minutes into the game on an unassisted goal by Peter Beaupre of Monson. Springfield's Andy Higgins tied the score 10 minutes later on a penalty kick after a questionable holding call on Westfield inside the box.

Westfield outshot Springfield, 13-5.

The Pride Is Back

Men's Soccer Draws Fans, Victories

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By Tony Staffiere

All you have to do is look into Paul Whalley's eyes to know that men's soccer at Westfield State College is alive and well.

The first year head coach, who captained the Owls in 1973 and 1974, leading them to a Final Four appearance and a third place finish nationally, wants to get the program back to that same plateau. A plateau which saw Westfield State record an astonishing 25 consecutive winning seasons and 12 postseason tournament appearances from 1964 to 1988.

But the Owls have fallen on hard times during the past decade, posting only one winning season. Coaching instability had been a major reason for the downslide, as Whalley is Westfield State's sixth head coach in the past 10 years.

Whalley credits his players' confidence in the program for the 180-degree turn from a year ago, which finds the Owls with as many wins (7) in the team's first 10 games, than in all of the 1996 season.

"I've got a great group of players that are proud of their team," said Whalley.

The admiration and respect is reciprocal as Whalley's players help him make a smooth transition to new head coach.



Coach Paul Whalley

"He's brought a lot to the program," co-captain Chris Streeter said. "He is a first class coach and a first class guy."

Not only has Whalley's soccer train, which features 16 first-year players, started off on the right track, it has managed to pick up a few passengers along the way.

Fan attendance is significantly up and all you have to do is attend a chilly and otherwise inclement night game at Alumni Field to see what a festive atmosphere a men's soccer match can be this season.

"This is a whole new thing for me," said Streeter who transferred to Westfield State from Division II Merrimack College in North Andover. "Other schools should take a look at this."

The biggest reason for the recent excitement over a program, which is steeped in tradition, may be Westfield State's increased scoring punch, which has already amassed 92 points in the 1997 campaign.

Spearheading the Owls' attack is sophomore Karl Labadorf, who has tallied nine goals and served up three assists for 21 points and a share of the conference lead in scoring at 2.33 goals per game. Labadorf is tied with Chris Biello of Massachusetts College. The six-foot, 170-pound forward has notched three consecutive game-winning goals on the young season.

Also scorching the nets are freshman Andrew Lewis and sophomore Peter Beaupre. Both have beaten opposing goalkeepers for six goals apiece while dishing out four assists.

Although winning and scoring goals will always draw a crowd, the most important factor contributing to the recent resurgence of Westfield men's soccer has taken place off the field. Whalley has played the Don King role of promotions for most of the off-season and even into the fall. Countless hours of phone calls and hundreds of letters

to area youth coaches have Whalley moonlighting as the team's unofficial public relations/marketing director. It is a task which cuts into a 50 hour-a-week job at Whalley Computer in Southwick.

Team members have also shared the heavy work load of getting their team back into the public eye.

"I gave out around 100 or 150 schedules to all the guys to pass out. For some of them I had to get more," said Whalley who has coached in the area for 25 years and is a United States Soccer Federation A licensed coaching instructor for Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The most popular promotion at home games is the Papa John's pizza giveaway. Papa John's of Westfield delivers a "piping hot" pizza, at halftime, to the fan or group of fans that are the loudest and most positive Owl supporters.

"I came to five games last year and I thought it was very quiet and poorly attended," explained Whalley. "I wanted to make it more fun and I want people to feel o.k. about yelling and cheering."

Area youth have also gotten in on the act. At intermission of each night contest, boys and girls of all ages from the Pioneer Valley Soccer League provide entertainment in the form of a mini-game in front of a large crowd of proud parents and students.

As mid-season approaches, the Owls will face the toughest part of their schedule. Important home games against Massachusetts College (formerly North Adams State) and Bridgewater State, and a showdown on the road at Salem State prove to be the season's big tests.

Owls Stun Framingham

In Overtime Thriller ^{10/97}

By Mickey Curtis, SID
WESTFIELD - Quarterback Mike Bartlett (Quincy) scored on an 18-yard touchdown run to lead Westfield State to a stunning 28-22 overtime victory over Framingham State Saturday afternoon.

The Owls are 2-2 overall and 2-1 in the New England Football Conference. Framingham is 2-2 and 1-1 in league play.

The overtime victory capped a fourth-quarter comeback by the Owls, who struggled offensively for most of the game.

The Rams took a 22-7 lead with 14:12 left in the game when freshman linebacker Rob Cloutier of North Attleboro recovered a Bartlett fumble in the endzone for a touchdown.

Westfield scored seconds later when senior standout Tyler Gerry (Shelburne Falls) electrified the Family Weekend crowd of 1,375 by returning the ensuing kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown. Jeremy Bernard ran for the two-point conversion to make it 22-15.

Westfield mounted its game-tying touchdown drive with 5:49 remaining after stopping Framingham quarterback Alex Tarpey on a fourth-and-one from the Owls' 33.

Gerry. The conversion kick by Jim Quealy was good.

It was Westfield State's only completion the entire game, as the two Owl quarterbacks were 1 for 14 with one interception.

Framingham was on offense first in the overtime; however, on the first play Tarpey fumbled and it was recovered by defensive lineman Gabe Bonneville (Florida, Mass./Drury High School).

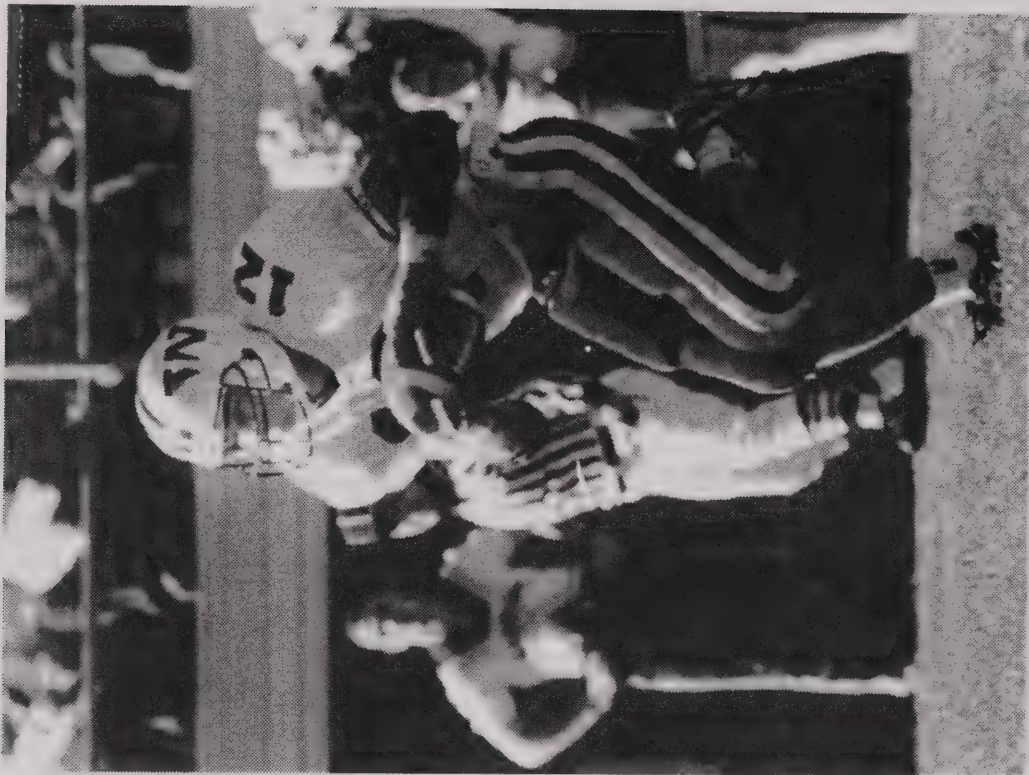
On a third-and-three situation, Bartlett scored in the overtime on a run up the middle, shedding off several defenders.

Framingham took a 7-0 lead on a 21-yard run up the middle by Tarpey. The Owls tied the score early in the second quarter when Rich Mercier returned a blocked punt 29 yards for a touchdown.

Later in the quarter, Tarpey threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Rob Dower, then Jeremy Wehnke booted a 37 yard field goal to give the Rams a 16-7 halftime lead.

Sophomore running back Jason Votzak led the Owls' struggling offense with 113 rushing yards on 25 carries. Votzak only rushed for nine yards on five carries in the first half; he carried the ball 10 times during the Owls' game-tying TD drive in the fourth quarter.

Tarpey completed 10 of 26 passes for 170 yards but threw three interceptions. Dower had six receptions for 122 yards.



Senior Tyler Gerry scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns, including an 82-yard kickoff return, to lead the Owls to a 28-22 comeback overtime victory over Framingham during Family Weekend.

Butler Named Conference

Volleyball Player Of The Week

Westfield State's Katelyn Butler was named Mass. State Conference volleyball Player of the Week on Oct. 6.

In four matches, the 6-0, sophomore middle hitter from Norwood had 40 kills and 11 blocks. It was the second time this season she has been named Player of the Week.

In recent action, Westfield State's women's volleyball team

won one of three matches at the Amherst Invitational.

The Owls swept Connecticut College 15-11, 15-5, 15-11, and lost to Amherst 2-15, 4-15, 3-15, and Middlebury 9-15, 6-15, 6-15.

Last Tuesday the Owls improved their record to 8-5 by sweeping winless Anna Maria, 15-4, 15-8, 15-7.

Westfield State College

Fourth Annual

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Name	Sport	Class	Hometown
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Jim Collins	Ice Hockey	1980	Reading
Bob D'Agnese	Track and Field	1982	Swampscott
Mike Gorrasi	Lacrosse	1986	Winchester
Beth Hennessy	Basketball	1987	Northampton
Al Streeter	Baseball/Soccer	1972	Dalton

Women's Soccer Stops Framingham

10/27

The Westfield State College women's soccer team defeated Framingham State, 3-1, in a Mass. State Conference game Thursday night at Alumni Field.

The Owls improved to 7-4 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

Despite being outshot, 19-2, Framingham took a 1-0 lead six minutes into the game on a goal by senior standout Karen Burns.

Westfield took a 2-1 halftime lead on unassisted deflected goals by Sandy Pinto and Holly Maines. The Owls added another unassisted goal with 8:49 left in the game by Shawna Boudreau.

Anna Maria 2

Women's Soccer 0

PAXTON - The Westfield State women's soccer team was shut out, 2-0, last Monday. Anna Maria improved to 10-2.

Women's Soccer 2 - WNEC 1

The Westfield State women's came from behind to edge WNEC. WNEC, now 10-2, took an early 1-0 lead. The Owls tied it in the first half on a header goal by Holly Maines. Andrea Figueras scored the game-winning goal on a direct kick in the second half.

Field Hockey Results

10/27

RPI 3 - Field Hockey 0

The Westfield State field hockey team was blanked by Rensselaer (RPI).

RPI scored in the first half on a penalty stroke, then added two more goals in the game's final six minutes.

Westfield is 4-5 while RPI improved to 8-3.

Senior goalie Karen Pawlishen, a Westfield High School graduate, recorded eight saves.

Bentley 6 - Westfield 1

In action last Wednesday, the Owls lost to Division 2 Bentley.

Freshman Keryn Bohane had Westfield's only goal, with an assist from sophomore Erica Pratt.

Players In The Pits Play For Love Of Game

OCT. '97

By Tony Staffiere

Imagine yourself on the bottom of a pile weighing close to a thousand pounds, poked at, gouged, and even spat on. Not to mention being soaked in mud from head to toe. Disgusting? Gross? Not for Westfield State co-captain center Ed Coleman and 11 other men on the Fighting Owl football team.

They make up football's not-so-glamorous and down right ugly position of offensive line. The O-line includes the center, who snaps the ball to the quarterback to start each play. The center is flanked on either side by guards, who are the faster, mobile linemen. Next to the guards are the tackles, who must muscle their defensive counterparts down the field to allow running backs to gain positive yardage.

"It's a blue-collar position," said Coleman a third-year starter for Westfield.

"They are the hardest working people on the field," said Owls' assistant coach Mike Bulman, who was a two-year starter at offensive guard for Springfield College.

You see, to them it is their daily routine, a job. A job, which if not performed to the highest level, could wind up getting someone badly injured. They are protectors. A shield. The first line of defense for the backfield. The same backfield, who will likely be patted on the butt, congratulated for a job well done, and be featured in a highlight on the six o'clock news, or a colorful picture on the front of the sports page in the local Sunday paper. For Coleman and his brethren - just personal satisfaction of knowing that they contributed in some way.

"We are very unselfish and dedicated," said Owls' offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Rich Cavanaugh, who was a Yankee Conference first-team offensive tackle at UMass Amherst. "We get satisfaction from seeing others do well."

Where does this passion come from? Why would a human being want to sacrifice his body for this cause, when they know the only people that might be watching are their loving mothers and a line coach, who was once one of them.

"It's a peculiar mind frame," said Cavanaugh. "We try to be silent assassins."

Here at Westfield State, they go by such names as: "hoggies," "big dogs," and "deisel." They strive for a block known as the "roach." That one chance to knock a poor, unsuspecting defender on his backside, and sending him crawling away like the insect it is named for. During the course of a game a hog can earn his dinner. A Big Mac from MacDonald's is given out to any lineman who gets downfield and delivers a bone-crushing block on a defensive back.

The real glory comes when the line checks the statistics and see that their running backs have rushed for over 100 yards, or the quarterback has not been sacked.

"You can never have a great backfield without a good line," Bulman said.

One burning question that most pigskin fans want to know is - what really goes on underneath the massive piles of bodies after each play?

"It can get a little crazy, a lot of poking and grabbing," Coleman said. "It's like being in the eye of a storm."

As you continue to watch football, whether it be in person, or on television, just remember behind every great offense, there stands a hard-working and proud line.

Soccer Improves To 9-3

The Westfield State men's soccer team upped its record to 9-3 with a 4-1 victory over Rivier College on Columbus Day.

The Owls scored 1:02 into the game on a goal by freshman Andrew Lewis. The Danvers native was named Mass. State Conference Player of the Week yesterday for scoring game-winning goals in last week's two league victories.

Classmate Chris Machado assisted on the early goal, then scored Westfield's next two goals, including the game-winning goal with 14:43 left in the first half. Junior T.J. Garron scored with 12:52 left in the game.

Men's Soccer 5 - Fitchburg 1

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State men's soccer team exploded for four second-half goals.

Sophomore Andrew Lewis of Danvers scored the first two goals. Also scoring were Chris Machado, Karl Labadorf and Peter Beaupre. Senior captain Chris Streeter collected two assists.



Members of the Westfield State football team's offensive line in the first row, left to right: Kevin Cavalieri, Kris Lagor, Ed Coleman, Bob Colbert, Jamie Reid. Second row: Dave DeLancey, Hector Baez, Heath Joseph, Pat Harrington, Mark Luke, coach Rich Cavanaugh. Missing is Dave Vourakis. Photo By Mickey Curtis

Women's Soccer Stops Springfield, Salem State

10/97

Women's Soccer 2 - Springfield 1

The Westfield State women's soccer team recorded a big 2-1 victory over local rival Springfield College Thursday night at Alumni Field.

The Owls of second-year coach Donna Coombs won their fourth straight game to improve to 10-4. Springfield is 8-4-1.

Senior standout Sandy Pinto of Ludlow scored the game-winning goal with 18:13 left in the first half on a 20-yard shot high into the net.

Junior Holly Maines of Saugerties, N.Y., assisted on the goal with a nice crossing pass that got the speedy Pinto into the open field. Maines, the 1996 Mass. State Conference Player of the Year, tied the score with a penalty kick goal.

Springfield took the early lead, 9:49 into the game, on a goal by Paula Andrews.

Westfield freshman goalie Jillian Easttey played in the second

half; she had six saves, including several spectacular stops that thwarted Springfield scoring threats.

Westfield traveled to Fitchburg State last Saturday for a key conference game.

Women's Soccer 1 - Salem 0

The Westfield State women's soccer team edged Salem State, 1-0, in a big Mass. State Conference game last Tuesday at Alumni Field.

The Owls of second-year coach Donna Coombs are now 3-0 in conference play.

Junior Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam scored the game-winning goal 3:22 into the game when she floated a 40-yard chip shot over the goalie's head. Freshman Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield was credited with an assist.

Playing well in the goal for the Owls was sophomore keeper Colleen Doyle of Pittsfield. She had nine saves, including several key stops. Both teams had 12 shots.

Women's Soccer 3 - Colby Sawyer 1

NEW LONDON, N.H. - Westfield State enjoyed both the foliage and a victory here Oct. 11.

Colby-Sawyer dropped to 7-6-1 after the homecoming loss.

Freshman Krista DiCarlo had a goal and an assist. Also scoring were Sandy Pinto and Shawna Boudreau.

Field Hockey Edged Twice By One Goal.

Springfield 1 - Field Hockey 0
SPRINGFIELD - Shannon Eysaman scored an unassisted goal with 27:48 left in the game to give Springfield College a 1-0 field hockey victory over Westfield State.

The Owls are 4-8 overall heading into their conference game Friday at Salem State. Springfield improved to 12-3.
Springfield outshot Westfield, 10-4.

Scoring off a penalty stroke for the Owls was senior captain Danielle Baldassare.

Goalie Karen Pawlishen recorded 18 saves.

12-4. Westfield native Karen Pawlishen had 10 saves.

Assumption 2 - Field Hockey 1

WORCESTER - Westfield State fell in overtime to Division 2 Assumption College. Assumption is 10-4, Westfield 4-7.

Scoring off a penalty stroke for the Owls was senior captain Danielle Baldassare.

Goalie Karen Pawlishen recorded 18 saves.

Coast Guard Sinks Westfield

WESTFIELD - Sophomore running back Brian Smicklas rushed 19 times for 152 yards and three touchdowns, both career highs, to lead Coast Guard to a 44-28 victory over Westfield State in a nonconference football game.

Coast Guard, the No. 1 ranked team in New England Division 3, remains unbeaten at 5-0. Westfield drops to 2-3.

With Coast Guard trailing 6-3, Smicklas put the Bears ahead, 17-6, after the first quarter on touchdown runs of 23 and 13 yards. He added a three-yard scamper with 9:39 left in the third quarter to give the visitors a commanding 44-12

lead. The Owls' two fourth-quarter touchdowns were set up by fumble recoveries by reserve defensive end Robert Bjorkgren. Bjorkgren returned one of the fumbles four yards for a touchdown.

Westfield quarterback Mike Bartlett ran for two touchdowns, both one-yard plunges, and passed for another: a 60-yarder to sophomore wide receiver Eric Buckley.

Bartlett completed 14 of 35 passes for 239 yards. Buckley had eight receptions for 169 yards. Running back Jason Votzakis of Agawam rushed for 97 yards on 14 carries.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, October 21

Women's Soccer

Home vs. Elms, 7:00

Field Hockey

at Framingham, 4:00

Volleyball

at Albertus Magnus, 7:00

Wednesday, October 22

Men's Soccer

at Worcester State, 3:00

Thursday, October 23

Women's Soccer

at North Adams, 3:00

Saturday, October 25

Football

Home vs. Worcester State, 1:30

Men's Soccer

at WNEC, 11 a.m.

Volleyball

at Salem, 12:00

Sunday, October 26

Women's Soccer

at Bridgewater, 1:00

Field Hockey

HOME VS. BRIDGEWATER, 1:00

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Volleyball Results

The Westfield State women's volleyball team dropped three matches in the Gordon Invitational. They lost to AIC, 8-15, 2-15, 6-15; St. Joe's, 4-15, 12-15, 15-12, 10-15; and Bridgewater State, 5-15, 9-15, 2-15.

A talented Williams College women's volleyball team swept Westfield State, 0-15, 2-15, 12-15, last Tuesday. Williams upped its record to 15-6 while Westfield moved to 8-9 in its first season of varsity competition since 1988.

Volleyball Returns And Gains Respect

By Tony Staffiere

Sports Information Dept. Student Intern

Sounds of digging and spiking can once again be heard coming from the basement of Parenzo Hall.

No, Campus Safety is not building a new addition.

It is the return of women's volleyball here at Westfield State.

The Owl netters have returned from a nine-year hiatus with a vengeance.

First-year coach Jesse Adams' crew have captured a school-record 11 wins this season, following last Tuesday's 3-0 drubbing of Albertus Magnus College.

"It's an honor," said freshman setter Stephanie Driscoll, of the team's recent entry into the school's record book. "Most schools don't respect us, now they will."

The program was eliminated as part of a nine-sport budget cut in 1988. The athletics department cited lack of funding for the reason behind the cuts.

Despite the nine-year layoff, the program hasn't skipped a beat. All 10 of the players come into the program with prior experience.

"Even though we are a first-year program, we are not first-year players," co-captain Shannon Riley said of the team which is comprised of players from outstanding and talented high school programs throughout the state.

Westfield State is currently 3-0, and atop the Massachusetts State Athletics Conference. The Owls' overall record was 11-9 heading into this past weekend's conference games vs. Salem State and Mass. Maritime Academy.

"There's a lot of effort and heart. When they put it all together as a team, they're very good," Adams said of the Owls, who currently share the conference lead with Bridgewater State, which appears to be the Owls' only hurdle in their quest for a conference championship and a shot at postseason play. The two teams will square off Nov. 1 in Parenzo Gym.

Spearheading the Westfield State floor attack is sophomore Katelyn Butler, who leads the team with 199 kills and a 1.0 block-per-game average. Butler has earned MASCAC Player of the Week honors three times already this season.

"She's a key for us," junior co-captain Kristy MacFarlane said. "She is smart and really strong on the net."

Driscoll has instantly become Adams' savvy floor leader. The standout from highly touted Bishop Feehan High School (Attleboro), leads the team with a 1.2 ace average and 391 assists, and has also picked up a MASCAC player of the week award of her own this season.

"She's great. She knows where each of us wants the ball," said Butler, who has been on the receiving end of a lot those passes.

Dreams of a perfect season may become a reality as the program rebuilds a new tradition. Driscoll sees the Owls as the benchmark for the rest of the conference in years to come.

"We are going to go undefeated one year," said Driscoll. "We are going to be the team that everyone fears."



Members of the Westfield State women's volleyball team in the first row, left to right: Melissa Hogan, Stephanie Driscoll, Kristy MacFarlane, Shannon Riley, Lauren Campbell. Second row: assistant coach Kevin Lynch, Sara Woodcock, Colleen Feeley, Katelyn Butler, Missy Newton, Vanessa Rea, head coach Jesse Adams.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Cross Country Teams Finish Sixth In Earley Invitational

The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both finished sixth in the James Early Invitational Oct. 18 at Stanley Park.

Nineteen teams competed in the women's meet with Westfield compiling 178 points. Wheaton finished first with 52 points followed by Coast Guard (68).

Sophomore Lisa Roy shattered her personal best by nearly a minute with a 10th place time of 19:32.4

over the 3.1 mile layout. Sophomore Diana Cares was 12th (19:45.8), and Melissa Merrow was 24th (20:13.6).

In the men's meet, Westfield finished with 200 points. Binghamton won with 59 points followed by Coast Guard (62).

Westfield's top finisher was Kevin LaCoste, who was 24th in 27:20. Joe Fois placed 28th (27:28.3).

Football Falls To Bridgewater

BRIDGEWATER - Sophomore quarterback Dan Maurer of East Longmeadow rushed for four touchdowns (1, 2, 5, 8 yards) and passed for two more (12, 19 yards), to lead Bridgewater State to a 55-21 homecoming victory over Westfield State.

The victory keeps the Bears in first place in the New England Football Conference with a 5-0 record. The Owls fell to 2-4 on the season.

Bridgewater started slowly, turning over the ball three times in the first four minutes. The Owls opened the scoring when Jason Votzak scored from one-yard out three minutes into the game.

Westfield led 7-6 after the first quarter but Bridgewater scored 22

Men's Soccer Gears For Salem Showdown

The Westfield State College

men's soccer team continued its strong play with a 2-0 victory over local rival Mass. College of Liberal Arts, formerly North Adams State, Oct. 17 at Alumni Field before an announced crowd of 568.

North Adams is 5-6 overall and 2-2 in the conference, including a 1-0 upset victory over Salem.

Sophomore Peter Beaupre of Monson scored the game-winning goal with 24:38 left in the second half when he banged in an unsisted shot off the left post.

The Owls added a big insurance goal 16 minutes later by freshman Matt Dasso of Springfield Central. Assisting was Karl Labadorf

of Wilbraham.

Westfield State outshot the the Mohawks, 14-3. Westfield goalie Judson Graham of Agawam posted three saves.

Men's Soccer 4 - Worcester 1

WORCESTER - The Westfield State men's soccer team continued its winning ways by defeating Worcester State, 4-1.

The victory was the fifth straight and the 10 in the past 11 games as the Owls improved to 11-3 heading into last Saturday's game at Western New England College. Westfield is 5-0 in the Mass. State Conference with a big game Wednesday at Salem State.

Freshman Tim Whitney scored

Field Hockey

3-0 In League

Field Hockey 3 - Framingham 0
FRAMINGHAM - The

Westfield State field hockey team improved to 3-0 in the conference and 6-8 overall.

The Owls' played a key game this past Sunday when it hosted Bridgewater State, which is also 3-0 in the conference.

Scoring for Westfield were Lori Lahue, Jill Paghera and Keryn Bohane. Paghera also had an assist.

Westfield native Karen Pawlishen recorded three saves.

Field Hockey 1 - Salem 0

SALEM - The Westfield State College field hockey team recorded a big 1-0 conference victory.

Freshman Keryn Bohane scored the only goal off a corner with 18 minutes left in the game.

Westfield native Karen Pawlishen earned the shutout victory and recorded 10 saves.

**Student Bus Trip to
Men's Soccer Game
vs. Salem State
Wednesday, Oct. 29
4:00 p.m. Departure
Sign Up at Campus Center**



Members of the Westfield State women's soccer team in the first row, left to right: Sandy Pinto, Laura Pereira, Jill Dailey, Andrea Figueras, Mary Maloney. Second row: Erin Reardon, Melanie Kirouac, Melanie Misiuk, Krista DiCarlo, Melissa Reed, Colleen Babin, Tracy Munzner, Jillian Eastey, Becky Siok, Siobhán Morris, Anne Verne. Third row: assistant coach John Hyland, assistant coach Amy Gagne, Amy Warrington, Elaine Licata, Kristen Scotland, Holly Maines, Kristen Gauthier, Kristen Schmaelzle, Colleen Doyle, Krissy Palm, head coach Donna Coombs. Missing is Shawna Boudreau. Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Soccer Teams 5-0 In MASCAC

Women Clinch Share Of Championship

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State College women's soccer team clinched at least a share of the Mass. State Conference championship with a resounding 8-3 victory over Mass. College of Liberal Arts, formerly North Adams State, here last Thursday.

It is the first ever conference championship for the Westfield women's soccer team, which was ranked eighth in last week's regional poll. The Owls were 5-0 in the conference and could clinch the championship outright with a victory at Bridgewater this past Sunday.

The Owls improved to 13-4 overall to tie the school record for most victories in a season. They

were 13-8 in 1996.

Westfield jumped out to a 3-0 lead midway through the first half but the host team rallied for two goals to make the halftime score, 3-2.

Junior Holly Maines, the 1996 conference Player of the Year, had two goals and an assist. Sandy Pinto, the school's all-time leading scorer, scored two goals and senior Laura Pereira added an assist and a goal. Also scoring were Elaine Licata, Jill Dailey and Melanie Misiuk of nearby Hoosac Valley.

Westfield's final regular season home game is Thursday vs. UMass Boston at 5:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer 3 - Fitchburg 1
FITCHBURG - Freshman

Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield scored on a pass from Andrea Figueras with just seven minutes remaining to break a 1-1 tie, leading Westfield State past host Fitchburg, 3-1.

The teams traded first-half penalty kicks, with Holly Maines connecting for the Owls.

Women's Soccer 5 - Elms 0

The Westfield State women's soccer team blanked Elms College, 5-0, Tuesday night at Alumni Field.

Junior Holly Maines scored two goals. Also scoring were three Western Mass. products: senior Laura Pereira of Ludlow, freshman Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield, and freshman Erin Reardon of Southampton.

Football Team Shocks Worcester State, 19-14

10/97

By Mickey Curtis, SID

WESTFIELD - Sophomore Jason Votzakis of Agawam rushed for 120 yards on 28 carries and scored the winning touchdown to lead Westfield State to a shocking 19-14 New England Football Conference victory over Worcester State.

The huge upset, before a Westfield State homecoming crowd, snapped Worcester State's 22-game conference winning streak. The Lancers are the two-time defending NEFC champions; they are now 5-2 overall and 5-1 in the conference. Westfield State is 3-4 overall and 3-2 in conference play.

"It was an outstanding effort by our players," said Westfield State coach Steve Marino. "The one thing I stressed to them is this is something they will remember for the rest of their lives."

The Owls stunned Worcester State from the start. On their first offensive play, wide receiver Eric Buckley caught a seven-yard pass then lateraled the ball to speedster Tyler Gerry, who raced down the left sidelines for a 45-yard touchdown scamper.

Worcester State came back to take a 14-7 lead on a pair of touchdown passes, covering 51 and 8 yards, from quarterback Dan Hanson to 6-7, 223 pound wide receiver Bryan Keats, who finished the game with eight catches for 144 yards.

Westfield scored with 4:59 left in the first half on a one-yard plunge by quarterback Mike Bartlett. The PAT was blocked to give Worcester a 14-13 halftime edge.

The touchdown was set up when Worcester State lost 40 yards after a center snap sailed over the punter's head. Miscues plagued the Lancers for most of the first three quarters as they threw three interceptions, lost one fumble, and had another center snap sail over the punter's head.

The Owls, however, also played well defensively as they limited Worcester to 41 net yards rushing on 38 carries. Their offense was having no luck moving the ball in the second half until Votzakis began running wild in the fourth quarter.

Votzakis, who only had 12 yards rushing on 10 carries in the first three quarters, rushed for an amazing 108 yards on 18 carries in the fourth quarter against the No. 1 rated run defense in the NEFC. Worcester State had allowed an average of 77 yards rushing per game entering the contest.

"We made some blocking adjustments in the fourth quarter and the holes were huge," said Votzakis. "The offensive line did a great job and so did Jamie Reid (an offensive lineman who was the starting fullback because of injuries). Plus, Worcester State was blitzing and overpursuing a lot more because they were getting panicky."

"Jason did a great job," said head coach Steve Marino. "He has good vision and good lateral foot movement."

Votzakis carried the ball four times on the seven-play, 72-yard game-winning drive; he cut back to the middle to score on a beautiful 22-yard touchdown scamper. The two-point conversion was no good and the Owls held a 19-14 lead with 10:54 remaining.

"It (touchdown run) was an off tackle play to the right side and the middle linebacker got tripped up when he tried to get me and I just cut back to the middle."

The Owls got the ball back minutes later and chewed up the clock with a 16-play, 72-yard drive that ended on Jim Quealy's 27-yard field goal attempt that was just wide right with 2:11 left.

Worcester State managed only a five-yard completion in four passing attempts and the Owls took over at the Lancer 25 and ran out the clock for the stunning upset.

Defensive standouts for the Owls included lineman Jeff Ruth, who was named to the NEFC weekly honor roll. The senior tri-captain posted eight tackles (4 solos), three tackles for losses, and one sack.

Linebackers Mike Daly and Erik Medeiros recorded 10 and nine tackles, respectively, and end Gabe Bonneville had two sacks and caused a fumble. End Robert Bjorkgren continued his fine late-season play with six tackles, including four for losses and a sack.

"The defense was super," said assistant coach Mike Bulman. "We had a lot of guys who came up with big plays the entire game."

Injury Sidelines Gerry

The Westfield State football team received some disappointing news following its stunning victory over Worcester State when it found out that senior Tyler Gerry's outstanding collegiate career is probably over because of an injury.

With two minutes left in the game, Gerry suffered a compound fracture and dislocation of his pinky finger. A successful surgery was performed the night of the big victory.

Gerry was ranked 10th nationally in kickoff returns and 20th in punt returns. In the conference, he was third in all-purpose yards, averaging 145.3 per game, and fourth in receiving.

"He is a great player and exciting to watch," said head coach Steve Marino. "He was a threat to score every time he touched the ball. We are really go to miss talents and his leadership."

Women's Soccer

Wins First Title

By Tony Staffiere
SID Student Intern

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Donna Coombs can't help but smile when asked about her second season as head coach of the Westfield State women's soccer program.

Her Owls ended the regular season as Massachusetts State College Conference champions for the first time ever, with a perfect 6-0 conference record and 15-4 overall.

"It feels real good," Coombs said of the team's success. "I'm happy for the kids."

The Owls are currently ranked eighth in the latest Metro Region poll, winning a school record nine straight contests and 11 out of their last 12. The 15 victories is also a school record.

As the team tunes up for post season play, Westfield State won't have to look far for any added scoring punch. The Owls have exploded for 27 goals in their last four matches.

Junior Holly Maines is the big gun in Westfield State's arsenal. The junior from Saugerties, N.Y., High School is fourth in the MASCAC in scoring at 1.65 points-per-game, with 12 goals and a team-high eight assists. Maines earned MASCAC Player of the Week honors last week for her five goals and two assists in three games.

"She's really one of the best players I've ever seen," sophomore forward Elaine Licata said.

"Holly makes everyone around her better," said Coombs. "There's nobody that outworks her."

"She gets everyone going," senior tri-captain Laura Pereira said. "You don't want to let her down."

Joining Maines in the scoring assault is freshman Krista DiCarlo. The native of West Springfield has tallied nine goals and handed out seven assists.

The Owls have also subscribed to the old adage that defense does win championships. Goalkeepers

Colleen Doyle, and Jillian Eastley have made it seem to opposing shooters that the goal has somehow gotten smaller. They share an equal amount of time between the pipes with Doyle usually playing the first half.

"They both work great with each other," said assistant coach John Hyland. "They are two hard working kids who have made critical saves when we've needed them."

Doyle is currently second in the conference with a 0.98 goals against average and Eastley isn't far behind in fourth allowing just 1.47. The tandem have also combined for seven shutouts this season.

"We push each other," said Doyle. "We both try to make the other one better."

Although both Westfield State's offense and defense seem to be jelling at the right time, the Owls know that without teamwork, neither of the two would come together at all.

"We are a close-knit team, with a lot of spirit," said Pereira.

"We're all just one," Doyle said. "Everyone lifts each other up."

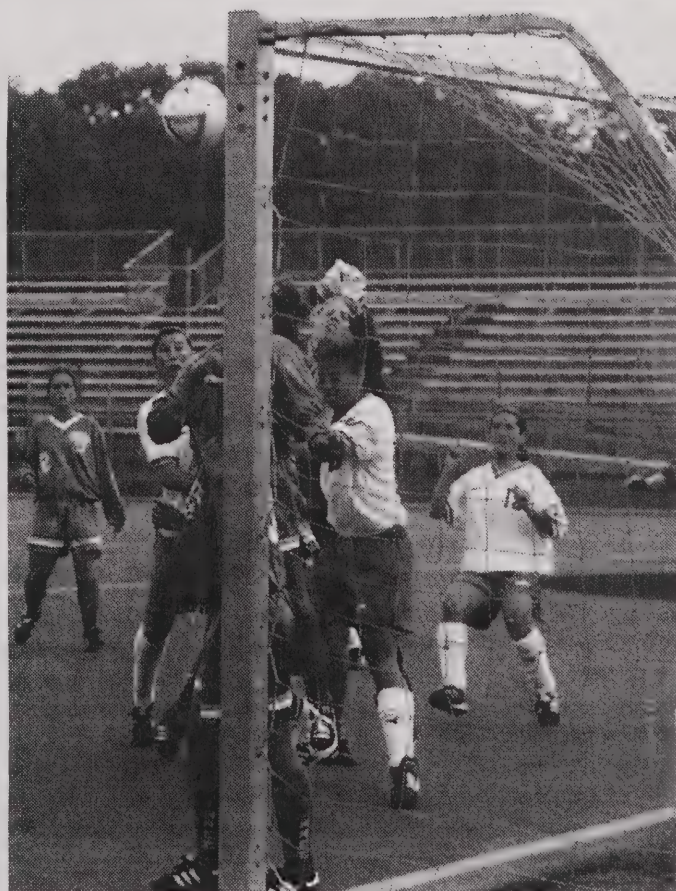
The Owls boast only two MASCAC player of the week awards (DiCarlo and Maines) over the course of the nine-week season. Also, 17 players have scored points this season.

"Each of us is equal this year," said sophomore back Kristen Scotland. "We play as a team."

The Owls ended their regular season campaign with a 10-0 whitewashing of UMass-Boston last Thursday night. They now await decisions by selection committees from both the NCAA and ECAC.

Regardless the draw, the Owls are ready and hope to stick around for awhile.

"We are a threat to other teams," said tri-captain Sandy Pinto, the school's all-time leading scorer with 117 career points. "We are a force to be reckoned with."



Westfield State players in white uniforms, left to right: Holly Maines, Sandy Pinto, and Krissy Palm battle for the ball, which hits the post, following a corner kick. Photo By Mickey Curtis

Men's Soccer Ties Salem, 0-0

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Bridgewater State.

SALEM - The Westfield State College men's soccer team battled to a 0-0 tie with Salem State in a Mass. State Conference showdown here last Wednesday night before a large crowd.

With the deadlock, the surprising Owls of first-year coach Paul Whalley remain in first place in the conference with a 5-0-1 record. They were seeking to clinch their first MASCAC crown since 1980 with a tie or a victory this past Saturday when they hosted

host squad outshot Westfield, 10-9. Salem had 10 corner kicks, Westfield had five. Westfield goalkeeper Judson Graham was outstanding and recorded 10 saves.

Men's Soccer 5 - WNEC 0

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State men's soccer team upped its record to 12-3 by blanking WNEC Oct. 25.

Freshmen Andrew Lewis and Tim Whitney both scored two goals vs. WNEC. Senior captain Chris Streeter added a goal and an assist.

Women's Soccer Blanks Bridgewater

BRIDGEWATER - The Westfield State women's soccer team captured its first ever Mass. State Conference championship with a convincing 4-0 victory over Bridgewater State Oct. 26.

The Owls of second-year coach Donna Coombs finished conference play with a perfect 6-0 record and are now awaiting a bid to either the NCAA or ECAC tournament.

The Owls led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by senior Sandy Pinto of Ludlow, the school's all-time leading scorer.

Westfield took complete control in the second half led by junior Holly Maines, the 1996 conference Player of the Year, who recorded a goal and an assist.

**Women's Soccer 10
UMass Boston 0**

WESTFIELD - Westfield cruised to an easy victory over an outmanned UMass Boston team in

its regular season finale last Thursday.

Westfield, ranked eighth in this week's regional poll, finished the regular season with nine straight victories and a 15-4 record; they are school records for most consecutive victories and most wins in a season.

The Owls have exploded for 27 games in their last four games;

they only scored 28 goals in the first 15 games.

Freshman Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield had a hat trick with three goals. Freshman Becky Siok of Ludlow contributed a goal and two assists. Scoring two goals was junior Shawna Boudreau, while freshman Erin Reardon of Southampton added a goal and an assist.

Volleyball Team Competes For Title

Volleyball Wins Two

SALEM - The Westfield State volleyball team recorded a pair of victories here Saturday.

The Owls were 13-9 overall and 5-0 in the conference heading into their big showdown last Saturday at home vs. Bridgewater State to determine the conference champion.

Westfield rallied to defeat Sa-

lem, 8-15, 15-12, 9-15, 15-3, 15-13, and swept Mass Maritime 15-8, 15-3, 15-4.

A standout for Westfield was freshman setter Stephanie Driscoll, who was named to the Mass. State Conference honor roll by compiling 21 aces, 29 digs and 47 assists in the Owls' 3-0 week.

Westfield's 13 victories are a school single-season record

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Field Hockey Team Captures Conference Championship

Field Hockey 2 - Worcester 0

WORCESTER - The Westfield State College field hockey team blanked Worcester State, 2-0, in its regular season finale last Thursday.

The Owls captured their third Mass. State Conference championship in the past four seasons by posting a 5-0 league mark. They won their final four games, all by shutouts, for an 8-8 overall record.

"I am really proud of the team," said first-year head coach Streya Volla, a former standout at UMass

Amherst. "We had our ups and downs this season but they never quit and stayed together. We played some difficult nonconference games against teams such as Springfield, Bentley, and Assumption and they prepared us for the conference games."

Scoring second-half goals were Tara Gatley and Katie Gordon. Westfield native Karen Pawlishen recorded nine saves.

Field Hockey 1 - Bridgewater 0

WESTFIELD - The Westfield

State field hockey team clinched at least a share of the Mass. State Conference championship with a hard-earned 1-0 victory over Bridgewater Oct. 26.

Junior forward Lori Lahue, the conference's leading scorer, tallied the game-winning goal off a penalty corner with 10:54 left in the first half. The Owls had 19 penalty corners in the game, Bridgewater had one.

Senior goalie Karen Pawlishen, a Westfield native, recorded three saves.



Jill Paghera, left, and Lori Lahue position themselves for a shot off a penalty corner. Lahue and Paghera are the top two scorers in the Mass. State Conference. Lahue was named Conference Player of the Week with game-winning goals vs. Framingham and Bridgewater. Photos By Mickey Curtis

Varsity Sports Teams Enjoying Fall Harvest

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Conference victories have been bountiful this fall at Westfield State College.

Heading into the final weekend of the season, four sports - men's soccer, women's soccer, field hockey and women's volleyball - were all in first place in the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference with an aggregate record of 21-0-1.

"We're enjoying this; it's just one of those years that comes along once every 20 or 30 years," said athletics director Ken Magarian. "I attribute much of the success to the coaches and their players. They've worked hard and represented Westfield State very well."

The women's soccer team of second-year coach Donna Coombs captured its first ever MASCAC championship by finishing with a perfect 6-0 league mark. The Owls are 15-4 overall and have set school records for victories in a season and most consecutive victories (nine). Westfield is ranked eighth in the latest NCAA regional poll and will find out on Monday, Nov. 3, whether it receives a bid to the NCAA or ECAC postseason tournament.

The men's soccer team is a surprising 12-3-1 and ranked 11th in New England under the direction of first-year coach Paul Whalley. The Owls were alone in first place in the Mass. State Conference with a 5-0-1 record following their 0-0 scoreless battle with perennial power Salem State last Wednesday. Westfield was in position to clinch its first conference title since 1980 with a tie or victory against Bridgewater in last Saturday's home game.

The field hockey team won its third Mass. State Conference championship in the past four years by posting a perfect 5-0 conference record. The Owls of first-year coach Streya Volla finished the season with four straight conference victories, all by shutouts.

The most surprising performance has been turned in by the women's volleyball team, which has returned as a varsity sport after a nine-year hiatus. The Owls of coach Jesse Adams were 5-0 in the conference entering their matchup last Saturday vs. Bridgewater that determined the league champion. Westfield is 13-9 overall and has set a school record for victories.

Two more championships were determined this past Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Mass. State Conference cross country championships. The Westfield women were favored to defend their championship, while the men faced stiff challenges from Salem and Bridgewater. The Westfield men's cross country team has claimed 13 of the past 14 titles.

The Westfield State football team also put itself back in contention with a stunning 19-14 Homecoming victory over Worcester State, snapping the Lancers' 22-game conference winning streak. The Owls were 3-2 in the New England Football Conference heading into last Saturday's game at Mass. Maritime Academy.

Swimming Season Underway

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The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team has already competed in three dual meets and two invitationals this season.

The Owls' dual meet record is 2-1 following a 177-118 setback at Springfield College last Wednesday.

"Despite the loss it was a very good meet for us," said veteran coach Dave Laing. "We had a lot of people who swam their personal best, which is encouraging for so early in the season."

Sophomore Heather Stavros finished first in the 100 breaststroke with a personal best of 1:13.11. Double winners were Amy Fischer in the 100 butterfly (1:05.15) and 50 butterfly (29.99), and Julie Hamel in the 50 freestyle (26.9) and 100 freestyle (58.33).

Senior co-captain Andrea

Scheele finished second in three events: the 100 backstroke (1:04.52), individual medley (2:19.91), and 200 backstroke (2:17.82). Junior Lori Lauer was second in the 1000 freestyle in a personal best 11:36.41.

On Nov. 15, the Aqua Owlettes made a long journey to Plymouth, N.H., and came home with a 175.5 to 125.5 triumph over Plymouth State.

Scheele won three events: the 1000 freestyle (11:37.12), the 100 backstroke (1:05.55) and the 200 individual medley in a pool record time of 2:21.18.

Stavros was a double winner, touching the wall first in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.54) and the 50 breaststroke (33.75). Also finishing first were Emily Hagberg in the 50 backstroke (31.86), Lauer in the

500 freestyle (5:46.47), and Kara Lavoie in the 50 butterfly (29.90).

The 400 freestyle relay team of senior co-captain Brooke Lathrop, Fischer, Hamel and Lauer set a pool record with a 3:59.31 clocking. The 200 medley relay of Jody Stiefel, Stavros, Lathrop and Lavoie placed first in 2:01.32.

Qualifying for the New England championships with their performances at Plymouth were Stavros in the 50 backstroke and Lauer in the 200 freestyle (2:05.84).

Westfield State's next meet is Wednesday, Dec. 7, when it hosts WNEC at 7:00 p.m. The meet will be held at Westfield High School. On Dec. 5 and 6 the Owls will compete in the first ever ECAC Division 3 championships, being held at Springfield College.

Football Falls In Finale

CASTINE, Me. - Maine Maritime Academy trounced Westfield State College, 54-28, in the regular season football finale here Saturday, Nov. 15.

Both teams finished with 4-6 overall records and 4-4 in the New England Football Conference.

The Mariners jumped out to a 34-14 halftime lead on the strength of the running of sophomore standout Steve Tardif and the passing of sophomore quarterback Eric Spaulding.

Spaulding threw four touchdown passes in the first half, covering 29, 79, 26 and 22 yards. For the game, he only completed seven of

11 passes, but threw for 240 yards and five touchdowns.

Tardif rushed for 163 yards on 37 carries and a touchdown. Westfield State also received solid efforts from two sophomore backs. Running back Jason Votzakos of Agawam rushed for 86 yards and scored three touchdowns. Quarter-

back Dean DiGregorio completed 17 of 38 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns. Freshman wide receiver Don Domoretsky caught six passes for 113 yards.

Both teams had comparable passing yardage, but Maine Maritime outgained Westfield on the ground, 249 net yards to 80.

Volleyball Team Places Second In MAIAW Tourney

WALTHAM - The Westfield State women's volleyball team lost in the championship game of the MAIAW Tournament to top seeded Brandeis University, 14-16, 8-15, 11-15, on Nov. 15.

The Owls were seeded second in the tournament and defeated WPI

in the opening round, 10-15, 15-5, 15-9, 15-13. Named to the All Tournament team from Westfield were Katelyn Butler and Kristy MacFarlane.

Westfield finished with a 14-11 record in its first season of varsity competition since 1988.

Fall Sports In Review

By Mickey Curtis

Sports Information Director

Westfield State College capped its most highly successful fall sports season by taking a commanding lead in the Mass. State College Athletics Conference's Smith Cup standings.

Westfield State garnered 28 of a possible 36 points, a .778 percentage, in the annual battle to determine MASCAC supremacy. Bridgewater State is second (19 of 36 points, .527 percentage) and Salem State is third (15 of 30 points). The Owls took the early Smith Cup lead on the strength of four conference championships, one second place, and two third places.

The point totals are determined by first, second and third place finishes in the eight-team conference, which competes in 14 sports. In round robin competitions, six points are awarded for first place, four for second place, and two for third place. In tournament competitions (cross country and track and field), three points are awarded for first place, two for second place, and one for third place.

Westfield State competes in 13 of the 14 conference sports. The Owls have six more MASCAC sports during the 1997-98 academic year: men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, and men's and women's track and field.

"This is a tribute to our coaches and student-athletes that we did so well this fall," said Westfield State College athletics director Ken Magarian. "I keep saying that this is one of those seasons that comes along every 20 or 30 years, but I think we can continue to do quite well in future years with the coaching staff we have in place and the caliber of the student-athletes we have at Westfield State."

The student-athletes are also performing well in the classroom. Magarian proudly points out that 40 percent of Westfield State's student-athletes achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or better during the spring '97 semester. Also, Westfield State had the highest percentage of student-athletes (42 total) named to the MASCAC All-Academic team by achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or better during the 1996-97 academic year. "We've set high standards both in the classroom and on the playing field and it's beginning to pay off," said Magarian.

In the five round robin competitions this fall, the Owls compiled an aggregate record of 25-3-1. Going undefeated in league play were men's soccer, women's soccer and field hockey.

The play of the men's soccer team was one of the most surprising performances. Despite a roster that included 17 first-year players, the Owls of first-year coach Paul Whalley won their first conference title since 1980 and posted their best record (13-4-1) in 10 years. They qualified for the ECAC postseason tournament for the first time in a decade and were ranked ninth in New England.

The women's soccer team of second-year coach Donna Coombs won its first ever conference championship. The 15-4 squad set school records for most victories in a season and most consecutive victories (nine). The Owls were ranked sixth in the final Metro Region poll.

The field hockey team of first-year coach Streya Volla captured its third conference title in the past four seasons. Defending its conference championship was the sophomore-dominated women's cross country team.

Placing second in the conference with a 5-1 record was the women's volleyball team, in its first year of competition since 1988. The spikers posted a 14-11 overall record and placed second in the MAIAW postseason tournament.

Earning key Smith Cup points with third-place finishes were the men's cross country and football teams. The men's cross country team had won 13 of the past 14 conference titles before this fall. The football squad went 3-2 vs. MASCAC competition, including a 19-14 victory over ECAC Tournament team Worcester State, the biggest upset in school history. The loss snapped Worcester State's 22-game conference winning streak.

Cross Country Regionals

GORHAM, Me. - The Westfield State women's and men's cross country teams placed 17th and 19th, respectively, at the NCAA Division III New England regional championships Saturday, Nov. 15.

Middlebury edged Williams College in the women's meet, 80-91. Westfield's top finishers were Lisa Roy (56th, 20:38) and Diana Cares (63rd, 20:46).

In the men's meet, Williams edged Brandeis, 68-74. Steve Brochu was Westfield's top runner, placing 76th in 29:38.

Congratulations Fall Sports

Conference Champions in:

- Women's Cross Country
- Men's Soccer
- Women's Soccer
- Field Hockey

Conference Runner-up in:

- Women's Volleyball

Conference Third Place in:

- Men's Cross Country
- Football

Men's Basketball '97-98 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
November		
Sat. 22	Ramapo, NJ, Tournament	4:00
Sun. 23	Westfield vs. Ramapo	3:00
Tue. 25	Ramapo, NJ, Tournament	7:00
	at Southern Vermont	
December		
Tue. 2	EASTERN CONNECTICUT	7:00
Thu. 4	MIT	8:00
Mon. 8	at Western Connecticut	7:30
Thu. 11	at UMass Boston	7:30
January		
Thu. 8	AMHERST	7:00
Sat. 10	at Albertus Magnus	3:00
Tue. 13	BRIDGEWATER	8:00
Thu. 15	WESTERN NEW ENGLAND	8:00
Sat. 17	at Worcester State	4:00
Tue. 20	SALEM	8:00
Thu. 22	NORWICH	7:00
Sat. 24	at Fitchburg	3:00
Thu. 29	at Wheaton	8:00
Sat. 31	at Framingham	3:00
February		
Tue. 3	MASS. COLLEGE	8:00
Sat. 7	at Bridgewater	4:00
Tue. 10	WORCESTER STATE	8:00
Thu. 12	at Salem	8:00
Sat. 14	FITCHBURG	3:00
Thu. 19	FRAMINGHAM	8:00
Sat. 21	at Mass. College	3:00
Tue. 24	MASCAC Playoffs	TBA

Women's Basketball '97-98 Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
November		
Fri. 21	Wheaton Tournament	6:00
	Westfield vs. Elmira, NY	1:00
Sat. 22	Wheaton Tournament	1:00
Tue. 25	AMHERST	7:00
December		
Tue. 2	at Emmanuel	7:00
Thu. 4	WORCESTER POLY	6:00
Mon. 8	at Western Connecticut	5:30
Thu. 11	at UMass Boston	5:30
January		
Sat. 10	at Albertus Magnus	1:00
Tue. 13	BRIDGEWATER	6:00
Thu. 15	WESTERN NEW ENGLAND	6:00
Sat. 17	at Worcester State	2:00
Tue. 20	SALEM	6:00
Thu. 22	at Springfield	5:30
Sat. 24	at Fitchburg	1:00
Tue. 27	TRINITY	7:00
Sat. 31	at Framingham	1:00
February		
Tue. 3	MASS. COLLEGE	6:00
Thu. 5	ELMS	7:00
Sat. 7	at Bridgewater	2:00
Tue. 10	WORCESTER STATE	6:00
Thu. 12	at Salem	6:00
Sat. 14	FITCHBURG	1:00
Thu. 19	FRAMINGHAM	6:00
Sat. 21	at Mass. College	1:00
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Bonfire Fuels School Spirit

By Robert Antonelli

On Thursday, Nov. 13, the Westfield State athletics department hosted a pep rally in honor of the great success this season of the Westfield State College fall sports teams.

"Our teams are doing better than ever," assistant athletic director Nancy Bals said. "This is a new and fun way to show our support."

Teams being honored included men and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, football, field hockey, and women's volleyball. The winter and spring sports teams also participated in the rally. The Student Government Association assisted in sponsoring the bonfire/pep rally.

The rally started off with a parade throughout the entire campus. Athletes and coaches followed cheerleaders, a marching band, and a police escort, as they led their teams around the campus.

"It was great to walk around screaming and yelling," cheerleader Steve Wright said. "The whole thing was fun."

The parade of athletes made its way to the front of the school library where a large collection of wood waited to be burned.

The ceremony began with a few words from the athletics director Ken Magarian.

"You guys have done a tremendous job," Magarian said. "Our winter teams and spring teams will do just as well I'm sure."

Westfield Mayor Richard Sullivan was also present.

"It's a pleasure to be here tonight representing the city of Westfield and being part of the bonfire and the celebration," Sullivan said. "Thank you for everything that Westfield State does that's positive here in the city of Westfield. We take pride in your success."

After the teams received their congratulations, Westfield State President Frederick Woodward, Mayor Sullivan, and SGA president Nicole Sisson lit the fire. The band played, cheerleaders screamed, and everyone gathered around the bonfire.

According to Magarian, the pep rally was a success and the turnout was surprising.

"Everyone had a great time," Magarian said. "Hopefully this is something that will be done on an annual basis."

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Westfield State cheerleader Cindi Furtado gets incited by several of her teammates during the bonfire held Nov. 13 to honor the Westfield State varsity sports teams. Photo By John Andersen

Men's Soccer Enjoys Surprising Success In 1997; Preps For Future Challenges

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By Tony Staffiere
SID Student Intern

Normally when a team ends its season on a losing note, it leaves a bitter taste.

Not for Westfield State's men's soccer team, which ended the 1997 campaign at 13-4-1, dropping a 6-1 decision to Williams College in the first round of the ECAC postseason tournament.

"I really enjoyed coaching these guys," said first-year coach Paul Whalley. "This is the most fun I've had in my years of coaching."

The Owls will return 20 of 25 players next season to a roster that captured the Massachusetts State Conference crown, the Owls' first since 1980.

Sophomore Karl Labadorf was the big gun in the Owl assault. A MASCAC first-teamer, Labadorf scorched the nets for 15 goals while handing out six assists for 36 points.

"We you need a goal, he's the man that's going to get it for you," said sophomore back Matt Currier.

The forward from Wilbraham also finished the season as the MASCAC's top scorer at 2.0 points-per-game.

"Karl scored big goals in big situations," Whalley said.

Freshman Andy Lewis recorded 31 points from his forward position, tallying 12 goals and dishing out seven assists for a 1.82 goals-per-game average. The Danvers native finished the season tied for third in the MASCAC in scoring and collected second-team all-conference honors.

Currier, also a first-team MASCAC selection, was the glue that held the Owls' defense together. The defensive specialist was asked game in and game out to mark the best forwards in the conference. The native of Danvers not only marked his opponent, but he held each of them scoreless all season long.

"I just try to play hard and be physical," Currier said.

As Whalley enjoys watching

his young guns grow, he will find it hard to say goodbye to six players who ended their careers, knowing they were a big factor in the rebuilding process of program that was once a regional power. Chris Streeter, Judson Graham, Mike Sullivan, Brian Willar, Andy Higgins, and Al Wilson all end their careers with a winning season, something that has only happened at Westfield State twice in the past decade.

As a member of the MASCAC all-conference first-team and player of the year candidate, Streeter was the Owls' leader on and off the field.

"He was our best player," Whalley said. "He combines a very unique group of attributes."

The combination is that of size, strength, and speed. The 6-2, 185-pound Streeter was a tough defender and was a handful for opposing defenders with his ability to get upfield and create offense.

Off the field, Streeter played an important role in recruiting prospective high school players to

Westfield State. According to Whalley, Streeter would often be a tour guide on campus visits and sit down with recruits and discuss college life at Westfield State.

As the offseason arrives, the Owls will be spending a lot of time in the weight room.

"The top teams in the conference were bigger and stronger," Whalley said of his team's motive for pumping iron.

While the team strengthens its muscles, the athletics department has done its part by adding two top-level opponents to next season's schedule. They are Keene State and Williams, both perennial powers on the regional and national levels.

Westfield State now has a challenging schedule, which is what it needs in order to get an invitation to the "Big Dance", the NCAA Tournament.

"It helps realize there is a lot of work to do," Whalley said of the schedule. "There is a big step to play and compete on the same level as the Williams' and the Keene State's."



Peter Beaupre (14) and Chris Machado (17) were key contributors on the men's soccer team this season. Photo By Mickey Curtis

Ice Hockey Club Team Formed At Westfield St.

By Mike Loftus

Westfield State College returned to the ice hockey rink Tuesday night after a nine-year layoff. In a loss to the Connecticut Clippers, Westfield State College's club ice hockey team played its first game since 1989. Although it is a club team, the ball is rolling toward gaining varsity status.

Athletics director Ken Magarian believes there is a good chance that the ice hockey program will reach the varsity level within the next several years.

"The existence of a varsity team depends on two things," said Magarian, "an ice rink in Westfield and the college's ability and willingness to fund not only a men's hockey team but also a women's team."

Magarian believes that an announcement declaring that there will be a rink built in Westfield within the next two years will be made in December or January.

Ice hockey's return to campus will be a welcome one for anyone who remembers the excitement that surrounded the team from the early '70s to the late '80s. In 1978, the team won the ECAC championship.

The program produced a number of players who went on to play

professional hockey, most notably Peter Lavolette, who was captain of the 1992 United States Olympic team and played one season in the NHL for the New York Rangers. Lavolette is now a player-coach for the Providence Bruins.

Until it was dropped along with seven other sports in 1989 because of budget constraints, ice hockey was one of the most popular sports on campus. Magarian hopes that enthusiasm will return in support of not only a varsity team, but also for the newly formed club team.

The team, headed by coach Brian Ward, has upcoming games scheduled against Springfield College, Cathedral High School, and Avon Old Farms Prep School.

Ward, who played college hockey at the University of Connecticut, is a native of West Hartford and has been coaching the Springfield Olympics Triple A (16 years old and under) since 1990.

The team's next home game is Dec. 6 at 6:00 p.m. at Williston Prep School in Easthampton. To get to the rink take Route 202 North (past the Mass-Pike tolls) for 15 miles to a right on Greenwood Court, the fourth right after passing a Mobil gas station on the left. The rink is at the bottom of Greenwood Court on the right.

Owls Host 532 Runners For ECACs

Westfield State College hosted the ECAC Division 3 cross country championships Saturday, Nov. 8, at Stanley Park.

Thirty-seven men's teams and 34 women's teams, a total of 532 runners, participated. Colleges from nine states were represented: the six New England states, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

In the women's race, Middlebury won the team championship with 43 points followed by Plattsburgh, N.Y., (102), and Southern Maine (128). Southern Maine's Eleanor Anderson won in a course record time of 18:36 over the 3.1 mile layout.

In the men's meet, Keene State's Matt Kocyba shattered the course record by 16 seconds with a time of 25:19 over the five-mile layout. He led the New Hampshire college to the team title (67). Williams finished second (71) and Tufts placed third (94).

Westfield State ran its "second seven" runners in both races; the Owls finished 28th in the men's meet and 32nd in the women's race.

The Westfield State teams competed this past Saturday at the NCAA regional cross country championships at Southern Maine.

Men's Soccer Drops Opener In ECACs To Williams

WILLIAMSTOWN - The Westfield State men's soccer team lost to Williams College, 6-1, in the first round of the ECAC postseason Tournament Wednesday afternoon.

Williams, the No. 1 seed in the eight-team tourney, improved to 10-3-2. The Owls of first-year coach Paul Whalley ended their highly successful season at 13-4-1, their best record in 10 years.

"Williams is a very impressive team," said Whalley. "It was a great experience playing them. It will only make us work harder to improve. We're rebuilding this program one step at a time."

Westfield State tied the score midway through the first half on a goal by Karl Labadorf, the team's leading scorer. But Williams erupted for three more goals in the first half, including a goal with three seconds on the clock.

Westfield State was outshot, 23-9.

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1997-98 Smith Cup Point Totals - After Fall Sports

TEAM	MEN'S		WOMEN'S		FIELD		WOMEN'S		MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY		POSSIBLE	
	FOOTBALL	SOCCER	SOCCER	SOCCER	HOCKEY	VOLLEYBALL	COUNTRY	CROSS COUNTRY	TOTAL	POINTS	PERCT.	
Westfield	2	6	6	6	6	4	1	3	28	36	.778	
Bridgewater	5	1	1	1	3	6	3	0	19	36	.527	
Salem	X	4	4	4	3	0	2	2	15	30	.500	
Worcester	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	36	.167	
Fitchburg	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	36	.083	
Mass. College	X	1	0	0	X	X	0	0	1	18	.055	
Framingham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	.000	
Mass. Maritime	0	0	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	24	.000	

X - Did not declare to compete in this MASCAC sport

6 points are awarded for first place, 4 for second place and 2 for third place in round robin competitions.

3 points are awarded for first place, 2 for second place and 1 for third place in tournament competitions (cross country, track and field)

-Compiled by Mickey Curtis, Westfield State SID

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Sandy Pinto Succeeds On, Off The Field

By Tony Staffiere

SID Student Intern

To say Sandy Pinto is a well-rounded individual would be an understatement.

"She's someone everyone looks up to," sophomore goalie Colleen Doyle said. "Everyone wants to be her."

As well as working weekends and summers as a waitress to pay for her college education, Pinto managed to end her four years here as Westfield State College's all-time leading scorer with 116 points (51 goals, 14 assists).

"She controls the ball well," Doyle said. "She's always in good position to score."

The Ludlow native also holds the school record for most goals in a season with 16 tallies in 1995.

Not to mention, the Ludlow native has earned high marks as a psychology major, with aspirations of attending graduate school next fall.

"Everything she's got, she's worked for," said second-year coach Donna Coombs. "You never hear her complaining about anything."

Perhaps Pinto's long-time teammate and friend Laura Pereira puts it best.

"She's a good person and an awesome friend."

Pinto and Pereira attended grade school and high school together, and are currently roommates. They both believe their long friendship has carried on to the soccer field.

"She's my outlet out there," Pereira said.

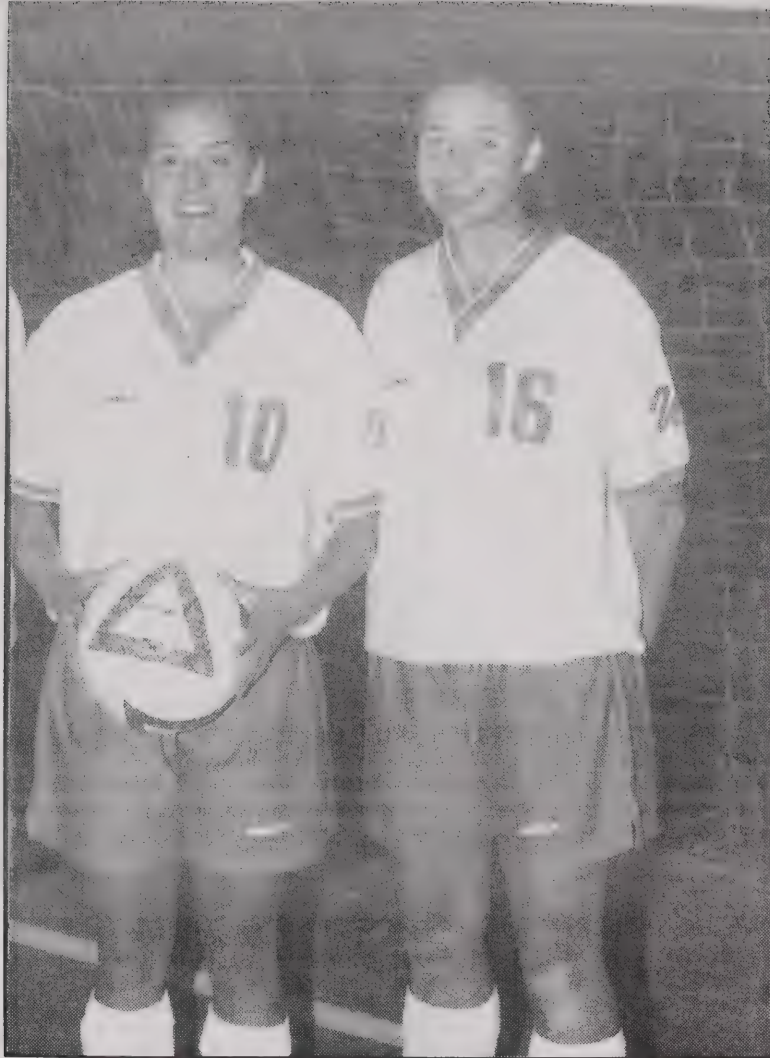
Pinto feels that both of their styles of play complement each other.

"She and I work very well together," Pinto said. "It helps we've been playing together since we were five."

Although someone who has achieved all that she has in her four years would deserve to pat themselves on the back, Pinto blushes and says: "It's something I didn't do alone."

"The team has gotten better and it has been easier to excel," she adds.

Westfield State opponents were certainly aware of Pinto's achievements. She would often draw marks by one or two players for an entire game. This forced the Owls' forward to give more than receive this season.



Sandy Pinto, left, and long-time friend, classmate, and teammate Laura Pereira capped their collegiate careers with a Mass. State Conference championship.

"She opened the door for others on the field," said Coombs, who spent three years trying to stop Pinto as an opposing coach at West Springfield High School.

Coombs will find it hard to replace the Owls' field leader.

"We're not only going to miss her as a soccer player, but we are going to miss her as a person," Coombs said. "She was a quiet leader; she led by her work ethic on the field."

When asked to reflect on her four-year stint as a member of the Westfield State soccer program, Pinto specifically recalls this season when the Owls won the Massachusetts State Conference championship with a perfect 6-0 record.

"It was something we strived for this whole season," Pinto said. "To win the MASCAC knowing it hadn't been done before is definitely my most fondest memory."

As for the future, Pinto hopes to some day serve as a sports psychologist for professional teams. She also hopes to stay around soccer as a coach.

Owls Hand UMass Dartmouth Win

WESTFIELD - Sophomore running back Mike Masse of Wareham rushed 24 times for 143 yards and five touchdowns to power UMass Dartmouth to a 48-23 New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State in the Owls' final home game Nov. 7.

UMass Dartmouth is now 8-1 overall and 6-1 in the NEFC.

Westfield is 4-5 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

Masse tied a NEFC record held by four other players with his five rushing touchdowns, all in the first half. The 5-8, 195-pounder scored on carries of 2, 47, 5, 7 and 11 yards to stake the Corsairs to a 34-23 halftime edge.

UMass Dartmouth took advan-

tage of two Westfield State turnovers to take a 20-0 lead with 8:04 left in the first quarter. The Owls battled back, exploding for 23 second-quarter points.

UMass Dartmouth had the only scoring in the second half as standout junior quarterback Jay Furtado (Swansea) threw touchdowns passes to Eric Lundell and

Sean McGlynn. Furtado completed 16 of 22 passes for 274 yards.

The teams combined for 885 yards in total offense and 43 first downs as the Owls also had little difficulty moving the ball. Senior quarterback Mike Bartlett (Quincy) completed 11 of 23 passes for 198 yards. His leading receiver was sophomore Eric Buckley of Attleboro, who had eight receptions for 165 yards. Running back Jason Votzakis Agawam rushed 26 times for 117 yards and a touchdown.

Also scoring touchdowns for the Owls were Frank DeLuca and tight end Pete Leonard.

Congratulations Westfield State Fall Sports

Conference Champions in:

- Women's Cross Country
- Men's Soccer
- Women's Soccer
- Field Hockey

Conference Runner-up in:

- Women's Volleyball

Conference Third Place in:

- Men's Cross Country
- Football

Twenty-One Athletes Named All Conference

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Twenty-one athletes representing six of Westfield State's highly successful fall sports teams were named to the Mass. State Conference all-star teams.

Heading the list of Owls honored was women's soccer player Holly Maines, who was selected Conference Player of the Year for the second straight season. The 5-9 junior midfielder from Saugerties, N.Y., High School led the Owls their first ever Mass. State Conference championship with perfect 6-0 record. She was the team's leading scorer for the second straight season, tallying 11 goals and eight assists for a total of 30 points.

Joining Maines on the all conference first team were freshman back Colleen Babin (Woburn) and freshman midfielder Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield.

DiCarlo also was named the MASCAC Rookie of the Year; she was the Owls' second-leading scorer with nine goals and seven assists.

Named a second-team all conference forward was Sandy Pinto. The senior standout from Ludlow ended her outstanding four-year career as Westfield's all-time leading scorer with 116 points (51 goals, 14 assists).

Six members of the conference championship men's soccer team were recognized. First-team selections were senior midfielder Chris Streeter (Hampden), sophomore back Matt Currier (Danvers), and sophomore forward Karl Labadorf (Wilbraham).

Labadorf led the conference in scoring with 36 points (15 goals, six assists). Streeter, a senior co-captain, directed the attack from center midfield. He tallied five goals and eight assists in leading the Owls to their first conference championship since 1980. Currier anchored

the Westfield defense as opposing players he marked did not score the entire season.

Second-team selections were freshman forward Andrew Lewis (Danvers), sophomore midfielder Peter Beaupre (Monson) and junior back Andrew Haney (Marshfield).

Lewis was the teams' second leading scoring with 12 goals and 7 assists. Beaupre ranked third with eight goals and five assists.

Westfield's conference champion field hockey team dominated the all conference first team with five players: senior goalie Karen Pawlishen (Westfield), senior back Danielle Baldassare (Danvers), freshman forward Keryn Bohane (Hanover), senior forward Jill Paghera (Everett), and sophomore forward Erica Pratt (Agawam).

Paghera led the conference in scoring with seven goals and nine assists. Bohane was the conference's third-leading scoring (8 goals, 2 assists), while Pratt directed the attack from midfield.

Baldassare was a first-team selection for the second straight season. Pawlishen finished with seven shutouts, including four in conference play, and a 1.50 goals against average.

Two members of Westfield State's first-year women's volleyball team were accorded all conference status. Sophomore middle back Katelynn Butler of Norwood was a first-team selection, and freshman setter Stephanie Driscoll was a second-team pick.

Driscoll ranks sixth nationally in service aces, averaging 1.2 per game, and also leads the team in assists (6.1 per game). Butler leads the team in kills average (3.0) and blocks.

Four members of the Westfield State cross country teams were named all conference for placing in the top seven at the Mass. State

championships.

Sophomore Diana Cares (Northboro) defended her individual title in leading the women's team to its second straight conference crown. Sophomore Lisa Roy (Lowell) placed second and sophomore Melissa Merrow (Dunstable) was fourth. Kevin LaCoste (Athol) earned all conference honors by placing sixth in the men's meet.

Three of Westfield State's coaches were named Conference Coach of the Year for guiding their teams to conference championships in the round robin competitions: Paul Whalley (men's soccer), Donna Coombs (women's soccer), and Streya Volla (field hockey).



Westfield State junior Holly Maines was named women's soccer Conference Player of the year for the second straight season. *SID File Photo*



Members of the Mass. State Conference championship field hockey team from Westfield State are, first row, left to right: Melissa Perrotty, Lori O'Doherty, Brooke Wadhams, Erica Pratt, Jill Paghera, Christine Mazeika, Keryn Bohane, Tara Gatley, Lori Lahue. Second row: Karen Pawlishen, Andrea Fargen, Katie Gordon, Kara Jagodzinski, Danielle Baldassare, Phanessa Fisher, assistant coach Heather Cabral, head coach Streya Volla.

Field Hockey Edged In MAIAW Tourney

DUDLEY - The Westfield State College field hockey team lost to Worcester Polytech, 2-1, in the opening round of the MAIAW postseason tournament Nov. 8.

The Owls finished the season with an 8-9 overall record, which

included a 3-1 loss at WPI earlier this season.

Scoring a second-half goal for Westfield was senior Jill Paghera, the leading scorer in the Mass. State Conference.

The Owls failed to convert two

penalty strokes during the game, including one with 30 seconds left.

WPI played Simmons College in the MAIAW championship game Sunday. Simmons upset top seeded Nichols, 2-1, in overtime in the other opening round game.

Women's Cross Country Defends MASCAC Crown

By Mickey Curtis, SID

NORTHDARTMOUTH - The Westfield State women's cross country team defended its Mass. State Conference championship with another dominating performance here Nov. 1.

Westfield finished first with 29 points, followed by Salem State (62), Fitchburg (66), Bridgewater (81), Framingham (125) and Mass. College of Liberal Arts (171).

The Owls took three of the top four places, four of first eight, and five of the first 14. Winning the individual title for the second straight year was sophomore Diana Cares, who was clocked in 19:33 over the 3.1 mile layout.

Also earning all conference honors by placing in the top seven were sophomore Lisa Roy, who finished second in 19:36, and sophomore Melissa Merrow, who was fourth in 19:49.

"They are not that far behind the top runners in New England, who usually run in the high 18s and low 19s" said coach Bob Rausch. "I'm really optimistic about this group of sophomores for next season. I believe we'll have a good chance of qualifying for nationals if they keep improving and running the way they are."

Rausch praised the efforts of senior Ann LaFauci, who was eighth in 20:51. Sophomore Alison Carnie rounded out the scoring for the Owls, placing 14th (21:39).

Westfield dominated the MASCAC competition for the second straight year despite missing two of its top runners - juniors Darlee Burns and Tina Marie Varzeas - who were sidelined with illnesses.

Others competing for Westfield included: Jennifer Murphy (17th, 22:14), Lori Starsiak (20th, 22:46), Sarah Corigliano (21st, 22:46), Melissa Cross (28th, 23:40), Selina Dolan (30th, 24:25), Tracey Borucki (33rd, 24:47), and

Lisa Herbert (35th, 25:02).

In the men's meet, Westfield finished a third; the Owls had won 13 of the past 14 conference championships before this year.

Bridgewater claimed its first ever MASCAC championship with 25 points. The senior-laden Bears had four runners in the top five. Salem State was second with 38 points followed by Westfield (69) Worcester State (156), Mass Maritime (161) and Fitchburg (202).

"Bridgewater just has too many strong and experience runners this year," said Rausch. "With the times we ran this year we would have won the past two years."

Kevin LaCoste earned all conference honors for Westfield by placing sixth with a time of 27:14 over the five-mile course. He was followed by Kevin Shepard (9th, 27:25), Mike Reis (17th, 28:09), Garrett Ford (18th, 28:13), and Steve Brochu (19th, 28:15).

Also competing were Scott Turner (23rd, 28:34), Tim Trull (25th, 28:53), Paul Bradfield (31st, 29:35), Tom Scola (33rd, 29:46), Brennan Barry (34th, 29:59), Allen Moss (35th, 30:01), Eddie Piselli (38th, 30:14), and Matthew Bausemer (41st, 30:51).

"Three or four of our runners ran their personal bests this year by about 30 seconds," noted Rausch.

Bridgewater's Solomon Tsegai defended his title with a winning time of 25:11.

Westfield State hosted the ECAC Division 3 championships this past Saturday, Nov. 8, at Stanley Park. Fifty men's teams and 46 women's teams, approximately 700 runners, participated. Nine states were represented, including the six New England state, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The Westfield teams will compete in the New England Division 3 championships this Saturday at Southern Maine.



Members of the Westfield State women's cross country team in the first row, left to right, are: Karen Garrahan, Lori Starsiak, Alison Carnie, Tracey Borucki, Tina Marie Vazeas, Diana Cares, Darlee Burns, Jennifer Murphy, Starr Dziengelewski. Second row: assistant coach Cheryl Santagate-Sutton, Lisa Herbert, Melissa Cross, Lisamarie Walsh, Ann LaFauci, Jamie Thomas, Selena Dolan, Melissa Merrow, Sarah Corigliano. Missing is Lisa Roy. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*



Members of the Westfield State men's cross country team in the first row, left to right, are: Allen Moss, Brennan Barry, Matt Bausemer, Steve Chandler, Paul Bradfield, Tim Smith. Second row: Joe Fois, Steve Brochu, Ed Piselli, Mike Reis, Tom Scola, Tim Trull, Kevin LaCoste. Third row: Dave Sauter, Paul O'Connor, Garrett Ford, Kevin Shepard, Scott Turner, Chris MacDonald, coach Bob Rausch. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Men's Soccer Wins MASCAC Title

By Mickey Curtis, SID

WESTFIELD - Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham scored two goals in the final six minutes to rally Westfield State to a 2-1 men's soccer victory over Bridgewater here Sunday, Nov. 2.

The stunning come-from-behind victory gave the Owls their first Mass. State Conference championship since 1980. Westfield finished MASCAC play with a 6-0-1 record. Bridgewater finished at 5-2 and could have won the title with a

victory over the Owls.

The surprising Owls of first-year coach Paul Whalley are now 13-3-1 overall and are hoping for a bid to the ECAC playoffs, which begin Nov. 12. They were ranked ninth in last week's New England

poll.

"I'm extremely excited for the seniors and juniors who have been here for a couple of years and have not had a lot of success," said Whalley. "After the game I told the team I was very proud of them, that they've done something no men's soccer team has done at Westfield State in 17 years."

"The last game typified how our season went," he continued. "The team worked very hard and never gave up. We exhibited a great amount of composure and sportsmanship the entire season. The team has only had eight or nine yellow cards the entire year and some teams have individual players with that many. That's helped a lot; it's a credit to the players."

Bridgewater scored 13 minutes into the game when sophomore Enrique Polletta blasted a wicked shot high into the right cor-

ner from 30 yards out.

The Owls, who outshot Bridgewater, 12-4, kept applying pressure and finally knotted the score with 6:09 left when Labadorf took a pass from freshman Andrew Lewis of Danvers and hit a crossing shot inside the left post.

"I was very impressed with how we kept our composure," said Whalley. "We kept to our game plan and it was not frantic out there. The players kept working hard."

The game-winning goal was spectacular. Labadorf barely outraced both a Bridgewater defender and the goalie to a chip pass near midfield from Peter Beaupre; Labadorf headed the ball from 30 yards out and it rolled into the net.

"Karl came through for us again," said Whalley. "He's our leading scorer and a lot of his goals have come at critical times."



Members of the 1997 Westfield State men's soccer team in the first row, left to right, are: Paul Zaya, T.J. Garron, Matt Dasso, Mike Sullivan, Chris Streeter, Brian Willar, Jon Rosemond, Tim Thoren. Second row: Ben Fleury, Andy Higgins, Matt Prior, Matt Currier, Chris Machado, Peter Beaupre, Andrew Lewis, Randy Gill. Third row: head coach Paul Whalley, assistant Brian Candon, Ken Susi, Billy Olsen, Judson Graham, Mike Miller, Karl Labadorf, Al Wilson, Andrew Haney, Tim Whitney, Steve Menard, assistant coach Mike Williamson, assistant coach Matt Ramah. Photo: By Mickey Curtis



Freshman Jon Roseman (white uniform) has been one of the many first-year players who have made key contributions this season. The men's soccer teams won its first Mass. State Conference title since 1980 with a thrilling 2-1 come-from-behind victory over Bridgewater State. Photo By Mickey Curtis

Volleyball Team Finishes Second

The Westfield State women's volleyball team played well in a 3-1 setback to Bridgewater State on Saturday, Nov. 1, before a large home crowd.

Bridgewater won the big conference meet 15-13, 15-10, 15-17, and 15-2. Earlier this season Bridgewater swept Westfield in a tournament, 15-5, 15-9, 15-2.

"I was very pleased with our effort," said coach Jesse Adams. "It was the best we've played all year. I talked to one coach who was at the game and he said that we didn't

play like a first-year team."

Westfield finished the regular season with a 13-10 record and 5-1 conference mark in its first season of varsity competition since 1988. Bridgewater won the conference title with a 6-0 record as it defeated Salem, 3-1, last Tuesday.

Playing well for Westfield on Saturday was Colleen Feeley, who had 14 kills and 22 digs.

The Owls are awaiting word this week if they qualify for the MAIAW postseason tournament, which is being held this weekend.

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**Campus Pep Rally
and Bonfire
to support Westfield
State Athletics**

**Thursday,
November 13,
7:00 p.m. on the
Campus Green**

**Sponsored by SGA
and WSC Athletics**

This event is for campus and city officials to formally recognize the fall sports teams' outstanding accomplishments, introduce and wish luck to the winter and spring teams, and promote campus unity and spirit.

Football Team Holds Off Mass Maritime, 28-26

11/97

BUZZARDS BAY - Westfield State held off a furious fourth-quarter comeback by Mass Maritime for a 28-26 New England Football Conference victory here Nov. 1.

The Owls are 4-4 overall and 4-2 in the NEFC. Mass. Maritime is 3-5 overall and 3-3 in the NEFC.

The Owls seemingly had the game in control, leading 20-6 midway through the final quarter. But the Buccaneers scored three touchdowns in the final eight minutes to make things interesting.

A 49-yard scamper by Ryan Woodland on a draw play pulled Mass Maritime to within six, 20-14, with 8:14 remaining.

But the Owls stunned the host team on the ensuing kickoff when linebacker Mike Daly, who played running back last season, took the short boot at the 20 and raced 80 yards for a touchdown. A shovel pass from holder Dean DiGregoro

to Frank DeLuca for the two-point conversion was good, giving the Owls a 28-14 advantage.

Mass Maritime scored with 5:41 remaining on a 10-yard run by Woodland. The pass for the two-point conversion bounced off the facemask of wide open receiver Mike Kelley.

Mass Maritime got the ball back with 2:10 remaining and marched 63 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown that came when quarterback Joe O'Malley lofted a pass to a wide open Adam Johnson from the one-yard line with 21 seconds left.

Mass Maritime tried the same play on the conversion to tie the score but defensive back Bob Hagmaier knocked down the pass.

"Things got a little out of control in the fourth quarter," said coach Steve Marino. "We played well the first three and a half quarters, then Mass Maritime started spreading

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Men's Soccer
ECAC Playoffs, TBA

Saturday, Nov. 15

Football
at Maine Maritime, 12:00

Women's Cross Country
New England Championships
at Southern Maine, 11:00 a.m.

Men's Cross Country
New England Championships
at Southern Maine, 12:00

Volleyball
MAIAW Playoffs, TBA

Swimming
at Plymouth State, 1:00

Swim Team Wins Opener

BOSTON - The Westfield State College women's swimming team opened its 1997-98 season Saturday with a 161-117 victory over Simmons College.

Placing first for Westfield were: Andrea Scheele (1,000 freestyle and 100 backstroke), Lori Lauer (200 freestyle), Heather Stavros (50 breaststroke), Amy Fischer (100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke), Julie Hamel (50 freestyle), and Kara Lavoie (100 freestyle).

"It was a good season-opening meet," said coach Dave Laing. "We had six or seven swimmers already qualify for the New England championships."

out the field with some dazzle plays. Plus, they had the wind to their backs in the fourth quarter; the weather was definitely a factor."

Quarterback Mike Bartlett played well for the Owls. The senior from Quincy completed 7 of 11 passes for 99 yards and one touchdown. He rushed 16 times for 79 yards and another score, a 13-yard pass to tight end Pete Leonard with 52 seconds left in the first half.

Running back Jason Votzakis of Agawam rushed for 106 yards on a season-high 29 carries.

Daly was a defensive standout, too, as he posted seven tackles and returned a blocked PAT 50 yards before being tackled. Linebackers Erik Medeiros and Jesse Pimental posted 10 and nine tackles, respectively. Tackle Jay Cael had seven tackles (six solos) and a fumble recovery and Robert Bjorkgren had seven tackles (six solos) and a sack.



Six alumni were recently enshrined into the Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame at the Fourth Annual inductions. In the first row, left to right, are: Al Streeter ('72), soccer and baseball; Beth Hennessy ('87), basketball; Mike Gorraši ('86), lacrosse. Back row: Ray Arra ('65), baseball and basketball; Jim Collins ('80), ice hockey; and Bob D'Agnese ('82), track and field.

Women's Basketball Team Handles WPI, Emmanuel; Improves Record To 4-1

Westfield Women 77 - WPI 44

The Westfield State women's basketball team cruised to its fourth straight victory with a 77-44 decision over Worcester Polytech last Tuesday.

The Owls, 4-1, saw 12 of its 13 players reach the scoring column. Freshman guard Laura Fisher came off the bench to pop in a season-high 16 points.

Senior center Amanda Braden contributed 15 points and nine rebounds and junior guard Holly Maines totaled 10 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Westfield shot 53 percent from the field. WPI, 1-3, shot 38 percent and committed 34 turnovers.

Westfield's next game is Monday, Dec. 8, when it travels to Western Connecticut State University.

Westfield Women 71

Emmanuel 56

BOSTON - The Westfield State College women's basketball team outscored Emmanuel College, 47-25, in the second half to rally for a 71-56 road victory last Tuesday.

Senior guard Caitlin Foley led Westfield's balanced attack with 16 points, including four three-point

baskets in 10 attempts. Senior center Amanda Braden tallied 12 points and 12 rebounds in 19 minutes of action. Junior Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam contributed 12 points and eight rebounds. Standout freshman reserve Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Westfield State committed 34 turnovers but outrebounded the Saints, 54-43. Also, the Owls were 21-for-31 from the foul line, Emmanuel was 6-for-15. Westfield shot 40 percent from the field, Emmanuel shot 31 percent (24-for-77).

Westfield State Athletics Dept. NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Presents:

**Career Development for junior and
senior student-athletes
Monday, Dec. 8, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7:00 p.m.
Meet in Ely 233**

Call Nancy Bals, ext. 5515 if you have questions

Men's Indoor Track Schedule

DATE	MEET
Dec. 6	Williams Invitational
Dec. 13	Wesleyan Invitational
Jan. 17	Quad Cup
Jan. 24	Quad Cup
Jan. 31	Quad Cup
Feb. 7	Quad Cup
Feb. 15	Alliance Meet
Feb. 21	New England Div. 3 Finals
Feb. 27-28	All New England Finals
March 7	ECAC Division 3 Finals
March 13-14	NCAA Division 3 Finals

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Swimmers Sink WNEC

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team improved to 3-1 with a 140-102 victory over Western New England College in a meet held at Westfield High School last Wednesday.

Double winners for Westfield were Brooke Lathrop in the 1,000 freestyle (12:11.13) and 100 backstroke (1:09.79), and Julie Hamel in the 50 freestyle (26.94) and 200 freestyle (2:10.20).

Also placing first were Jody Stiefel (50 backstroke, 31.52), Heather Stavros (50 breaststroke, 32.82), Andrea Scheele (100 butterfly, 1:05.23), and Julie Abare (100 breaststroke, 1:18.57).

Westfield State competed in the ECAC Division 3 championships last Friday and Saturday at Springfield College. The Owls' final meet this semester is Tuesday, Dec. 9, when they travel to Smith College.

Fall Sports Awards Banquet Monday, Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m Scanlon Banquet Hall

**Student-Athletes must pick up free
admission ticket from the athletics
department (Ely 244)
by Tuesday, Dec. 9**

MIT Outlasts Owls In Men's Basketball

MIT 81 - Westfield Men 69

Senior swingman Melvin Pullman of New Haven, Conn., was one of four players in double figures with 20 points to lead MIT to an 81-69 men's basketball victory over Westfield State last Thursday.

MIT, 4-1, jumped out to a 10-0 lead and led at the half, 45-38. The Owls closed to within one point, 61-60, with 7:48 remaining when Matt Gauvin drained his sixth three-point basket. But MIT held on in the closing minutes.

Kareem Benjamin had 17 points and 6 rebounds for the Engineers and Godfrey Inniss added 10 points and 12 points. Guard Charlie Hsu scored 14 points while making his first four 3-point shot attempts.

Gauvin, a senior guard from Athol, poured in a career-high 28 points. He was 9-for-15 from the field, including 6-of-9 treys.

Junior center Jonathan Armstrong had 14 points and eight rebounds and sophomore Chris Carr added 14 points and seven boards. Freshman point guard Abner Rivera of Springfield Commerce High School finished with six points, 11 assists and no turnovers.

Eastern Connecticut 76 Westfield State Men 59

Junior center Bryan Hall of Hartford came off the bench to pull down a career-high 11 rebounds, lifting the Eastern Connecticut State University men's basketball team to a 46-30 board advantage enroute to a 76-59 victory over Westfield State last Tuesday.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for Eastern (2-2) and sent the Owls to their fourth loss in as many games.

The Warriors led from the outset, scoring eight of the game's first nine points and building a 31-21 halftime lead. Eastern had the lead cut to three, 31-28, as Westfield scored the first seven points of the second half. But Eastern regrouped to take a 19-point lead, 63-44, with 5:55 left.

Sophomore Jay Wetherell led a balanced effort of four double-digit scorers with 13 points for Eastern.

Westfield was led by sophomore Chris Carr, who totaled a game-high 17 points before fouling out. Junior center Jonathan Armstrong tallied 14 points.

Westfield State To Celebrate Women In Sports Day

The The National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) celebration scheduled for the first week of February will be recognized on the Westfield State campus with a variety of events.

NGWSD is a commemorative day which began in 1987 to honor and celebrate the talents and accomplishments of volleyball great Flo Hyman (1954-1986). Hyman was not only an outstanding athlete but also was a leader among athletes working for equality.

The history of women in sports is rich and long, but there has been little national recognition of the significance of women's athletic achievements. NGWSD celebrations attempt to bring national attention to the achievements of female athletes and to the issues facing females in sport. The Day is a nationwide event with celebrations in all 50 states.

The events taking place at Westfield State are:

Pam Fernandes, a blind tandem cyclist and the 1994 USOC

Athlete of the Year, will deliver a motivational speech entitled "There are no limits: on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ely Campus Center Main Lounge. Door prizes will be awarded.

Stepping into Fitness is an aerobic workout opened to everyone to bring awareness to the need for both women and men to develop active lifestyles. It will be held in **Parenzo Gym on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.** Dress to participate by wearing sneakers and loose fitting clothes. Refreshments will be provided.

NGWSD Recognition Award will be given to one female athlete from each of the Westfield State varsity teams during **halftime of the Westfield State women's basketball game that begins at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 5.** In addition, all female athletes will be invited to be recognized at the event.

Take a Girl to the Game will involve approximately 15 Westfield

State students escorting 15 girls from the Westfield Boys and Girls Club to a **New England Blizzard game at the Springfield Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 10.** This is an attempt to provide the girls with exposure to primary and secondary role models.

In addition, the display cases in Ely Campus Center will be decorated through Feb. 9 with illustrations commemorating the day. Lastly, ribbons reading "There are no limits" will be distributed throughout the campus community and worn during the week of Feb. 2.

The following groups have coordinated the celebration at Westfield State: the movement science department, the athletics department, Wellness Center, movement science majors' club, and the Women's Success Center.

The sponsors of the celebration include: Campus Activities Board, Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Salvador's Awards and Engravings of Westfield, and the New England Blizzard.



Westfield State freshman Stephanie Driscoll finished the 1997 women's volleyball season ranked third nationally in NCAA Division 3 in service aces. The Mansfield native had 95 service aces in 82 games for a 1.16 per game average. As a team, Westfield State ranked ninth nationally in service aces, averaging 3.39 per game. Mickey Curtis Photo

Swimming Team Ups Record To 5-2

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team improved to 5-2 on the season with victories over Southern Connecticut, 124-109, and Worcester Polytech, 128-106, last week.

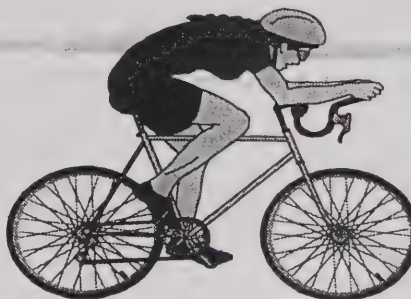
In the meet vs. Division 2 Southern Connecticut, senior standout Andrea Scheele was a double winner, taking the 200 freestyle (2:10.13) and the 100 backstroke (1:05.11). Also placing first were Christine Hornby in the diving, Julie Hamel in the 100 freestyle (58.69), and Amy Fischer in the 100 butterfly (1:05.50).

In the WPI meet, placing first were Lori Lauer in the 200 freestyle (2:08.83), Brooke Lathrop in the 50 backstroke (32:00), Heather Stavros in the 50 breaststroke (33.88), Emily Hagberg in the 100 butterfly (1:12.23), Julie Hamel in the 50 freestyle (26.88), Julie Abare in the 100 breaststroke (1:16.73), Kristen Fleming in the 100 individual medley (1:11.87), and the 200 medley relay (2:04.12) of Scheele, Fischer, Lathrop and Fleming.

Westfield concludes its dual meet season this week with competitions at Mt. Holyoke on Tuesday and Salem on Thursday. The New England championships are scheduled for Feb. 20-21 at Wesleyan University.



National Girls and Women in Sports Day



Join the Celebration!

Pam Fernandes

**blind tandem cyclist and the
1994 Athlete of the Year**

**will deliver a motivational speech entitled
"There Are No Limits"**

When: Wed., Feb. 4 at 7:00pm

Where: Ely Campus Center Main Lounge

*Coordinated by the Movement Science Department, Wellness Center, and the Athletics Department, Women's Success Center, MSSLS Majors' Club
Sponsored by Campus Activities Board, Student Affairs, & Academic Affairs*

**Westfield State Athletics Dept.
NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills
Presents: Career Development
for Seniors and Juniors**

**Monday, Feb. 9, 7:00 p.m.
In Cafeteria Private Dining Room
Refreshments will served**

Call Nancy Bals, ext. 5515 if you have questions

Six Owls Named All Conference In Football

Six members of the Westfield State football team were named to the New England Football Conference all-star teams.

The lone first-team selection was defensive tackle Jeff Ruth. The 6-0, 250-pound senior from Whitinsville posted 46 tackles this season, including eight for losses.

Second-team selections were: junior linebacker Mike Daly, sophomore punter Bob Hagmaier, senior center Ed Coleman, sophomore offensive tackle Mark Luke, and senior wide receiver Tyler Gerry.

Gerry made the all conference team despite missing the final three games with a dislocated and broken finger. The 6-0, 204-pounder from Shelburne Falls ranked third in the conference in all-purpose yards, averaging 145.3 per game.

In 35 career games, Gerry totaled 3,564 all-purpose yards (202 rushing, 1,771 receiving, 271 punt return, 1,302 kickoff return, 18 interception return) for an average of 101.8 yards per game. He holds the school record for kickoff return yards.

Daly, a 5-10, 180-pounder from Millbury, was the team's second leading tackler with 73 stops. He also had six broken up passes, two blocked PATs, and two fumbles caused. Hagmaier, from Pittsfield, was the second-leading punter in the NEFC, averaging 34.5 yards per boot.

Coleman, a Maynard native, was a three-year starter for the Owls. Luke, of South Easton's Oliver Ames High School, has started his first two seasons at Westfield State.

Track and Field Results

Westfield State Women's Track Results
Quad Cup at Williams College, Jan. 24, 1998
TEAM SCORES: Williams 181, Middlebury 173, Westfield 97.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Sarah Corriveau	55 dash	7.9
Second	4 X 400 Relay		4:36.5
Third	Nora Lynch	20 lb weight	10.58
Third	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	4.08 meters
Third	Rachel Giracca	55 Hurdles	9.4
Third	Andrea Petrolini	400	1:07.5
Third	Lisa Roy	800	2:35.3
Fourth	Jamie Thomas	20 lb weight	10.45
Fourth	Lisa Roy	1500	5:18.5
Fourth	Rachel Giracca	400	1:05.5
Fourth	Jennifer Murphy	1000	3:42.4
Fourth	Jamie Thomas	Shot Put	9.40 meters
Fifth	Shannon Chalmers	400	1:09.2
Fifth	Lori Starsiak	1000	3:54.1
Fifth	Andrea Petrolini	200	30.2
Fifth	Melissa Merrow	3000	11:27.2

Westfield State Men's Track Results
Quad Cup at Williams College, Jan. 24

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	6.18 meters
First	Matt Collins	400	51.7
First	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	12.38 meters
First	4 X 400 Relay		3:36.8
Second	Mark Martineau	400	51.7
Second	Scott Turner	1000	2:43.4
Second	James Roots	Triple Jump	11.52 meters
Second	Distance Medley		11:49.2
Third	James Thrasher	35 lb. weight	12.56 meters
Third	Mike Vatcher	Long Jump	5.71 meters
Third	Scott Turner	1500	4:38.9
Third	Joe Foreman	High Jump	1.70 meters
Fourth	Tom Schreiber	35 lb. weight	11.79 meters
Fourth	Joe Foreman	55 Hurdles	8.4
Fourth	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	11.59 meters
Fourth	Kevin LaCoste	3000	9:18.4
Fifth	Brian Stanton	400	53.3
Fifth	James Thrasher	Shot Put	11.07 meters
Fifth	Steve Brochu	800	2:05.5
Fifth	Mike Vatcher	Triple Jump	10.46 meters
Fifth	Ryan Schmitt	200	24.5

Men's Basketball Roundup

Gauvin's Three Lifts Westfield

Senior Matt Gauvin of Athol came off the bench to make a three-point basket with 13 seconds remaining to lift Westfield State to a 62-59 victory over Norwich University.

With Westfield trailing 59-57, the Owls called a timeout with 27 seconds left and Gauvin entered the game. Gauvin calmly drilled a contested three-point basket from the left wing for his only points of the game to give the Owls a 60-59 edge.

Norwich then missed a shot in the paint and Westfield sophomore forward Chris Carr of Marshfield grabbed his 15th rebound of the game and was fouled with five seconds left. He sank two free throws, then Norwich's three-point attempt to tie it came after the buzzer sounded.

Carr contributed 14 points along with his career-high 15 boards. Junior forward Adam Manchester of Newton poured in a career-high 20 points and added 10 rebounds. Senior Steve Madelle of Charlton had nine points and 10 boards.

Freshman guard Andrew Provost led Norwich with 18 points and nine rebounds. Norwich shot a dismal 33 percent from the field (23 of 70) and 22 percent from three-point range (5 of 23).

Salem 62 - Westfield 45

WESTFIELD - Senior center Khris Silveria of Gloucester scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Salem State to its ninth straight victory, a 62-45 decision over conference foe Westfield.

Salem State is 11-1 and ranked third in New England.

Westfield led 16-15 with eight minutes left in the first half. The Vikings then outscored the host team, 10-2, to take a 25-18 halftime lead.

Pounding the ball inside to the 6-9, 235-pound Silveria and 6-7, 220-pound senior Greg Cardello

(14 points, eight rebounds), the Vikings controlled the second-half tempo.

The Owls leading scorer was Adam Manchester with nine points.

Fitchburg 70 - Westfield 62

FITCHBURG - Senior standout George Alexander led four players in double figures with 18 points to lead Fitchburg State past Westfield. The Owls are 3-12 overall and 0-4 in the conference.

Alexander, a 5-10 guard, also led his team with eight rebounds.

Westfield's leading scorer was freshman Kris Kachelmeyer with 17 points, including a 5 of 10 shooting effort from three-point range. Scoring 12 points apiece were sophomore forward Chris Carr and junior forward Adam Manchester, who posted team highs of eight rebounds, three steals and a school record seven blocked shots.

Poor shooting plagued the Owls as they only shot 35 percent from the field. They made 24 field goals and 11 were three-point baskets.

Wheaton 74 - Westfield 57

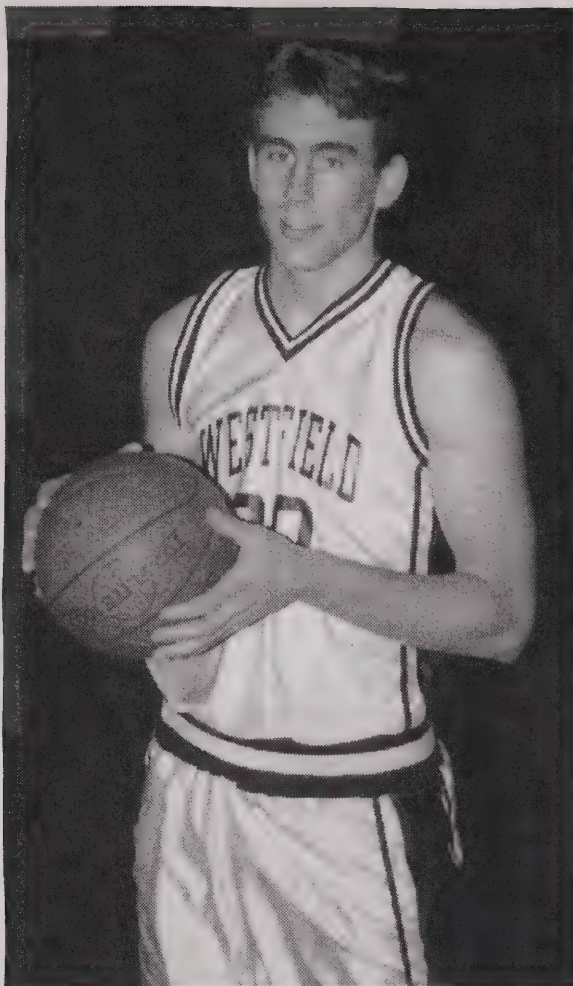
NORTON - Wheaton broke open a close game, outscoring Westfield State, 40-25 in the second half for a nonconference victory Thursday, Jan. 29.

Mike Theberge scored a season-high 13 points for Westfield. Sophomore forward Chris Carr contributed 10 points and six rebounds and freshman Kris Kachelmeyer added nine points and six boards.

Westfield shot 48 percent in the first half, but only shot 35 percent in the final 20 minutes.



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Junior forward Adam Manchester had a school record seven blocked shots vs. Fitchburg State. He also blocked four shots last Thursday at Wheaton, and scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in a 62-59 victory over Norwich.



Senior point guard Mickie Turner played well in a tough 54-52 loss to Trinity College last Tuesday. The Pittsfield product had nine assists and seven points, including a three-point basket with 19 seconds left that tied the score.

Women's Basketball Drops Tough Game To Trinity; Record Is 10-5

WESTFIELD - Sophomore guard Megan Shutte made an off balance eight-foot bank shot with two seconds remaining to lift Trinity College to a thrilling 54-52 women's basketball victory over Westfield State last Tuesday.

Trinity, ranked eighth in New England Division III, improved to 9-2 with its eighth straight victory. Westfield State is 10-5; the Owls have lost three of their last four games.

Trinity took an early double-digit lead and led at halftime, 28-20. But the Owls, sparked by the play of reserve freshmen Jamie Vielmetti (South Deerfield) and Kelly Lynch, fought back in the second half to take the lead.

Junior Holly Maines made a three-point shot for a 42-41 Westfield lead with 8:41 left, and Vielmetti followed with a conventional three-point play a minute later for a 45-41 Westfield advantage.

The teams then traded leads throughout the rest of the game. Westfield tied the score at 52-52 with 19 seconds left when senior guard Mickie Turner (Pittsfield) canned a three-point basket from the right wing.

Trinity then ran the clock down for a final shot and a heavily guarded Shutte threw up her off balancer banker for the game-winning shot.

Sophomore forward Gretchen MacColl led the winners with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Carolyn Cauty scored 11 points, including three key baskets in the second half.

Senior center Amanda Braden led Westfield with 23 points and six rebounds. Vielmetti was the second leading scorer with nine points. Turner had seven points and nine assists.

Westfield 62 - Bridgewater 55

The Westfield State women's basketball team outlasted Bridgewater State, 62-55, in its Mass. State Conference opener.

The Owls were led by senior standout Amanda Braden. The 6-0 center from Worcester St. Peter Marian High School totaled 18 points and a career-high 19 rebounds. She also had five assists and two steals.

Junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam had 14 points and five rebounds, and point guard Holly Maines contributed 11 points, five assists and three steals.

The Owls couldn't put away the visitors despite forcing 36 Bridgewater turnovers. Westfield committed 24 turnovers, shot 35 percent from the field, and made just 1-of-11 three-point attempts.

Bridgewater's leading scorer with 14 points was 6-1 junior forward Amy Minnick, a second semester transfer from Nichols State, and Division One college in Louisiana.

Salem 96 - Westfield 68

SALEM - Sophomore guard Dee Jackson of Lynn led four players in double figures with 27 points to power hot shooting Salem State to a 96-68 victory over Westfield State in a key Mass. State Confer-

ence women's basketball game.

The score was tied 19-19 with 11 minutes left in the first half, but the Vikings outscored the host team, 40-14, the remainder of the half to take a commanding 59-33 lead into the locker room.

Jackson keyed the scoring explosion with 21 first-half points. She also finished with team highs of nine rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Freshman guard Melissa Smock came off the bench to score 17 points, including three three-pointers. Junior guards Terri Niles and Katie Duffy both scored 12 points.

Two players scored 50 of Westfield's points. Senior center Amanda Braden pumped in 28 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle had 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Westfield 58 - Fitchburg 50

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State women's basketball team survived a major upset scare as it came-from-behind to defeat Fitchburg State, 58-50.

The Owls trailed for much of the game, including a 28-22 half-time deficit. Westfield finally took control late in the game, outscoring Fitchburg, 8-0 in the final four minutes.

Amanda Braden led Westfield with 17 points, including a three-point play that snapped a 50-50 deadlock with 2:40 remaining. Braden also had eight rebounds and six steals.

Junior point guard Holly Maines contributed 12 points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals.

Westfield only shot 34 percent from the field and committed 26 turnovers.

Westfield 46 - Worcester 43

WORCESTER - The Westfield State women's basket-

ball team edged Worcester State, 46-43, in a key Mass. State Conference game.

The teams traded leads throughout most of the game until the Owls went ahead 44-36 with 4:56 left in the game following a driving layup by Holly Maines.

It was Westfield's final field goal, however, as Worcester's defense tightened and the Lancers scored seven straight points to make the score 44-43.

Westfield finally scored with 9.7 seconds left when senior guard Mickie Turner of Pittsfield made two clutch free throws. A three-point shot attempt by Worcester State at the buzzer fell way short.

Senior center Amanda Braden led Westfield with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam had 13 points and eight rebounds. Maines scored 12 points.

Springfield 58 - Westfield 57

SPRINGFIELD - Forwards Jennifer Rea and Donna Masterson scored 22 and 16 points, respectively, as Springfield College held on for a 58-57 victory over visiting Westfield State.

Katrina Olmsted gave Springfield a 56-54 lead on a three-point field goal with 3:24 left, and Rea made it 58-54 with a baseline jumper with 1:59 remaining.

Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield made one of two free throws to pull the Owls within three, 58-55, with 1:37 left. Kristen Schmaelzle's basket with 36.5 seconds remaining made it 58-57.

After Masterson missed a one-and-one with 26.7 seconds, Westfield had a chance to win, but Schmaelzle's short jumper missed its mark at the buzzer.

Schmaelzle led Westfield with 16 points. Senior guards Caitlin Foley and Mickie Turner scored 14 and 10, respectively.



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Swim Team Finishes With 8-2 Record

SALEM - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team concluded its season last Thursday with a 162-109 victory over Salem State.

The Owls finished with an 8-2 record to post their fifth straight winning season. Veteran coach Dave Laing, now in his 16th season, has a 40-12-1 record the past five years.

Placing first for Westfield were: Lori Lauer (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle), Andrea Scheele (50

backstroke, 100 backstroke), Heather Stavros (50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke), Karen Flaherty (both diving events), Julie Hamel (100 freestyle), and Amy Fischer (50 butterfly, 100 IM).

Westfield will now prepare for the New England Division III championships, which will be held Feb. 20-22 at Wesleyan University. Nine of the 18 swimmers on Westfield's roster have qualified for New England.

Schmaelzle Leads Owls To Three Victories

WESTFIELD - Junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam poured in 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to power the Westfield State women's basketball team to an 88-48 victory over Elms College Thursday.

Westfield is 13-5 while Elms remains winless at 0-15.

Elms kept the game close in the first half, and battled back from an early deficit to tie the game, 15-15, on a three-point basket by shooting Jen Howard.

The Owls then outscored the visitors, 19-9, to take a 34-24 halftime lead. Westfield outscored the outmanned Blazers, 54-24 in the second half.

Senior center Amanda Braden was the only other player in double figures for Westfield with 18 points. All 12 players scored for the Owls, who recorded a season-best 26 assists, including 11 by point guard Holly Maines.

Howard, who was playing her first game in a week and a half, led Elms with 19 points, including 15

in the first half. Elms guard Renee Sayce of Norton, who played at Westfield State for two years, had seven points, 11 assists, four steals and seven rebounds.

Elms shot 50 percent from the field (21 for 42) but committed 32 turnovers.

Westfield 80

Mass. College 48

WESTFIELD - Senior center Amanda Braden (Worcester St. Peter Marian) scored 21 points and junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle (Agawam) had 19 points and 11 rebounds to power Westfield State's women's basketball team past Mass. College.

The Owls, 5-1 in the conference at the midway point, pulled

away late in the first half to take a 43-33 lead into the locker room. They outscored the visitors 37-15 in the second half.

Senior center Amy Strand led the 7-10 Mohawks with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Westfield 70 - Framingham 64

FRAMINGHAM - Five players scored in double figures in Westfield's 70-64 victory over Framingham State. The Owls led 42-26 at halftime.

Schmaelzle led the way with team highs of 14 points and nine rebounds. Ann Whitney and Mickie Turner scored 13 points apiece and Caitlin Foley had 12. Point guard Holly Maines had 10 points and nine assists.



Junior Kristen Schmaelzle has posted some big numbers in victories over Framingham State, Mass. College of Liberal Arts, and Elms, with a total of 57 points and 32 rebounds. She had 24 points and 12 rebounds in last Thursday's 88-48 victory over Elms.

Mass. College Nips Owls, 77-76

Westfield Outswims Mt. Holyoke

**Westfield Swimming 152
Mt. Holyoke 147**

SOUTH HADLEY - Westfield State women's swimming and diving team upped its record to 7-2 with a big 152-147 victory over Mt. Holyoke Tuesday night.

It was Westfield's third victory over Mt. Holyoke in 13 meets.

Senior standout Andrea Scheele keyed Westfield's victory. The Walpole native won three events - 100 x meters backstroke (1:13.95), 200 individual medley (2:36.49), and 200 backstroke (2:35.33). In addition, Scheele was a member of the winning 400 freestyle relay.

Winning two events for Westfield was Julie Hamel in the 50 freestyle (30.15) and the 100 freestyle (1:05.47). Also placing first were Brooke Lathrop in the 50 butterfly (33.38) and Amy Fischer in the 100 butterfly (1:13.35).

Senior Lori Lauer earned key points with second places in the 800 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 400 freestyle. Also placing second were: Fischer in the 200 IM and 200 freestyle, Christine Hornby in both diving events, Brooke Lathrop in the 100 butterfly, and Heather Stavros in the 100 breaststroke.

Westfield 128

St. Joseph's 95

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. - The Aqua Owlettes posted a 128-95 victory over St. Joseph's on Jan. 29.

Lauer was a double winner, placing first in the 50 freestyle and 500 freestyle. Also winning individual events were Fischer, Emily Hagberg, Stavros, Lathrop, and Julie Abare.

WESTFIELD - Freshman center Murales Louis (Cambridge Rindge & Latin) hit a five-foot bank shot with 10 seconds remaining to give Mass. College of Liberal Arts a 77-76 victory over Westfield State in a heated Mass. State Conference contest last Tuesday.

Westfield State had two shots to pull out the victory in the final five seconds. Hot-shooting senior guard Matt Gauvin lofted a three-point basket from the left corner on an inbounds play that went halfway in the basket before popping out.

In the scramble for the loose ball, Westfield's Chris Carr gained control at the free throw line and put up a last-second shot that was blocked by Mass. College's Josh Thielen.

Thielen, a 6-6 senior forward from nearby Gateway Regional High School, led the Mohawks with 25 points, including 5 of 10 from trey range. Louis added 13 points and a game-high nine rebounds.

Carr led Westfield with 25 points, including two field goals in the game's final minute that gave

the Owls' one-point leads. Gauvin scored 12 points off the bench as he made his first four three-point attempts before just missing in the final seconds.

Both teams shot well from three-point range. The Owls were 13 for 22, including 7 of 9 in the first half when they led 42-31. Mass. College was 10 for 21 from long distance.

The Mohawks improved to 8-9 overall and 2-4 in the conference. Westfield dropped to 4-14 and 1-5. **Westfield 68**

Framingham 59

FRAMINGHAM - Junior forward Adam Manchester totaled 20 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots to lead Westfield to a 68-59 conference victory over Framingham State.

The Owls led 37-26 at half-time.

Mike Theberge was the only other player in double figures with 11 points; he also led the team with eight rebounds. Four players had six points and two had five points in the balanced attack.

Westfield Student-Athletes Make Grade In Classroom

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Ninety-one (91) Westfield State College student-athletes have been recognized as scholar-athletes for completing the 1997 Fall semester with 3.0-plus semester grade point averages.

The 3.0 Club represents approximately one-third of the Westfield State student-athletes.

The football team leads the way with 14 scholar-athletes, followed by women's track and field (11), women's soccer (9), women's swimming (8), men's track and field (8) and men's cross country (8).

"We are very proud of all our student-athletes, the way they perform on the playing fields and in the classroom," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "I would especially like to thank the faculty, staff, and coaches for the support and guidance they give to our student-athletes."

The following is a sport-by-sport breakdown of Westfield State's scholar-athletes:

Baseball (6) - Brian Guimond, Tom LaFlesh, Chris Malloy, Shawn Murphy, Scott Santino, Doug Smutnick.

Men's Basketball (2) - Steve

Madelle, Mike Theberge.

Women's Basketball (5) - Amanda Braden, Caitlin Foley, Nicole Harvey, Stefanie Matusiewicz, Ann Whitney.

Cheering (4) - Jennifer Bianco, Cindi Furtado, Katelynn Mullen, Robyn Paretti.

Men's Cross Country (8) - Steve Brochu, Steve Chandler, Garrett Ford, Kevin LaCoste, Chris MacDonald, Paul O'Connor, David Sauter, Kevin Shepard.

Women's Cross Country (6) - Tracey Borucki, Diana Cares, Alison Carnie, Melissa Cross, Melissa Merrow, Lori Starsiak.

Field Hockey (7) - Danielle Baldassare, Andrea Fargen, Phanessa Fisher, Lori Lahue, Karen Pawlishen, Melissa Perrotty, Brooke Wadhams.

Football (14) - Jeremy Bernard, Gabe Bonneville, Bill Chisholm, Tim Corr, Jamel Davenport, Dean DiGregorio, Gregg Haynes, Brian Jalonen, Jason Nelson, Don Parlin, Jim Quealy, Ed Reid, Roy Rosebrooks, Jeff Ruth.

Men's Soccer (6) - Andrew Haney, Andrew Higgins, Karl Labadorf, Mike Miller, Chris

Streeter, Ken Susi.

Women's Soccer (9) - Jill Dailey, Jillian Eastey, Andrea Figueras, Kristen Gauthier, Melanie Kirouac, Tracy Munzner, Erin Reardon, Melissa Reed, Amy Warrington.

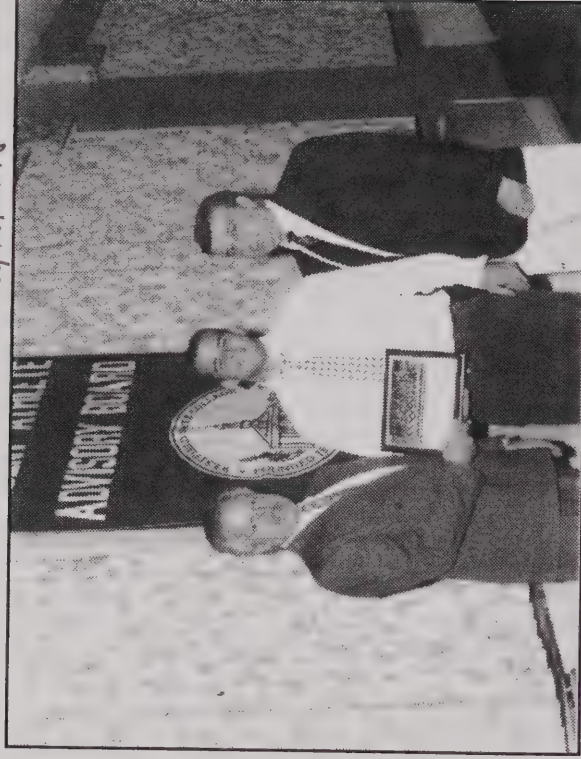
Softball (6) - Jillian Eastey, Phanessa Fisher, Michele Genovese, Lindsay Meade, Kelly O'Brien, Kim Schwarz.

Women's Swimming and Diving (8) - Amy Fischer, Emily Hagberg, Julie Hamel, Melanie Kirouac, Brooke Lathrop, Reanna Leite, Andrea Scheele, Jody Stiefel.

Women's Track and Field (11) - Tracey Borucki, Alison Carnie, Diana Cares, Shannan Chalmers, Sarah Corriveau, Rachel Giracca, Nora Lynch, Melissa Merrow, Andrea Petrolini, Lori Starsiak, Kara Williams.

Men's Track and Field (8) - Steve Brochu, Garrett Ford, Kevin LaCoste, Chris MacDonald, Mark Martineau, David Provencher, Tom Schreiber, Brian Stanton.

Women's Volleyball (3) - Stephanie Driscoll, Shannon Riley, Sara Woodcock.



Senior Tyler Gerry, center, receives his four-year football participation award from Westfield State President Frederick Woodward and head coach Steve Marino during the Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) Fall Sports Banquet held in December. Gerry's collegiate career isn't finished yet as he is playing in a Division 3 All-Star game in Shreveport, La., the last weekend in February. The wide receiver/kick returner finished his Westfield State career with 3,564 all-purpose yards, including school record 1,302 kickoff return career yards. Photo By John Andersen

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Men's Basketball Roundup

Worcester Men 83

Westfield State 77

WESTFIELD - Senior Guard John Bowler of Arlington totaled 26 points, seven assists and five steals to lead Worcester State to an 83-77 victory over a determined Westfield club last Tuesday.

Worcester is 13-7 overall and 6-2 in the Mass. State Conference. The Owls fell to 4-16.

Worcester had a commanding 66-42 lead with under 10 minutes left, but the Owls erupted for 42 points in the game's final 11 minutes to make the score close.

Sophomore forward Chris Carr of Marshfield poured in a career-high 34 points for Westfield, including 23 in the second half. Carr also led the Owls with 10 rebounds. Senior guard Matt Gauvin of Athol came off the bench to pump in 20 points, including four treys.

Bowler thwarted the Owls' comeback attempts with his outstanding shooting (6 of 8 from be-

yond the arc) and excellent passing. Forward Franky Pierre of Cambridge Rindge & Latin contributed 16 points and nine rebounds.

Bridgewater 85

Westfield Men 61

BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater held off a first-half Westfield comeback to hand the Owls their 15th defeat in 19 games.

The hot shooting Bears took a 34-14 lead with eight minutes left in the first half; however, Westfield outscored the host squad, 11-0 over the next six minutes. Bridgewater then outscored the Owls 5-0 in the final minutes for a 39-25 halftime lead.

Sophomore forward Chris Carr of Marshfield led the Owls with 19 points and seven rebounds. Junior forward Adam Manchester scored 10 points.

Bridgewater guard David Dupuy scored a game-high 23 points, including 9 of 11 from the foul line.

Track and Field Results

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Westfield State Women's Track Results
Quad Cup at Smith College, Jan. 31, 1998

TEAM SCORES: Springfield 174; Smith 106; Middlebury 89; Williams 76; Coast Guard 73; Colby 59; Westfield 16; WPI 8.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Fourth		4 X 400 Relay	4:48.03
Fourth	Lisa Roy	1000	3:15.24
Fifth	Rachel Giracca	55 Hurdles	9.63
Sixth	Sarah Corriveau	200	29.39
Sixth		4 X 800 Relay	10:57.64

Westfield State Men's Track Results

Quad Cup at MIT, Jan. 31

TEAM SCORES: MIT 219.5; Westfield 110; Springfield 108; Colby 76; WPI 70

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	21-5 3/4
First	Matt Collins	400	51.43
First	Provencher, Martineau, Stanton, Collins	4 X 400 Relay	3:29.72
Second	MacDonald, Bausemer, Trull, Brochu	4 X 800 Relay	8:50
Second	Matt Collins	200	23.53
Second	Steve Brochu	800	2:03.78
Second	Mark Martineau	400	51.64
Third	Ryan Schmitt	55 Dash	6.81
Fourth	Joe Freeman	High Jump	5-10
Fourth	Chris MacDonald	800	2:05.78
Fourth	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	38-10 3/4
Fifth	James Roots	Triple Jump	38-5 1/2
Fifth	Brian Stanton	400	53.27
Fifth	Ryan Schmitt	200	24.12
Sixth	Matt Dowaliby	400	54.00
Sixth	Scott Turner	1500	4:14.92
Sixth	Dave Provencher	600	1:29.93
Sixth	Joe Freeman	55 hurdles	8.9

Women's Basketball Rallies To Defeat Worcester State

Westfield 60 Worcester 57

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's basketball team rallied from a 14-point deficit early in the second half to defeat Worcester State, 60-57, in a heated Mass. State Conference game last Tuesday.

Westfield was 15-5 overall and 7-1 in the conference heading into Thursday's big game at Salem State. Worcester dropped to 12-8 overall and 5-3 in the league.

Sparked by the three-point shooting of senior guard Caitlin Foley of North Grafton (Worcester Holy Name), the Owls, who trailed by 12 with 9:07 remaining, closed to within two, 56-54, on a Foley trey with three minutes left.

Senior center Amanda Braden of Worcester St. Peter Marian tied the score at 56-56 on an 18 foot shot from the right wing at the 1:28 mark. Worcester took a 57-56 lead on a Noel Cunningham free throw, then the Owls took their first lead, 58-57, on a Braden jumper from the foul line with 45 seconds left.

Worcester had opportunities to

regain the lead, but Renee Marcotte missed two shots near the basket. Westfield grabbed the rebound following the second missed shot, then Mickie Turner was fouled with 14 seconds left. The senior guard from Pittsfield calmly sank both free throws for a 60-57 lead. The Lancers were unable to get off a decent shot in the closing seconds.

In Westfield's 46-43 victory at Worcester last month, Turner sank two free throws with 9.5 seconds remaining to seal that victory. Turner, who finished with seven points and four assists, leads the conference in free throw shooting (82 percent).

Braden led all scorers with 17 points and also had six steals. Foley drilled 15 points on five treys, including four in the second-half comeback.

Cunningham scored 16 points for Worcester and Marcotte had 14 points and 17 rebounds. Marcotte was limited to two points and four rebounds in the second half, how-

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ever, as she led the fired up Lancers to a 31-21 halftime lead.

Westfield 75

Bridgewater 65

BRIDGEWATER - The Westfield State women's basketball team defeated Bridgewater State, 75-65, Feb. 7.

Four players scored in double figures in the balanced attack. Senior center Amanda Braden scored 18 points to move into second place on Westfield's all-time scoring list with 1,385 points.

Senior guard Caitlin Foley pumped in 15 points on five three-point baskets and backcourt classmate Mickie Turner scored 14 points, including 12 in the second half. Junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam had her third consecutive double-double game with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Junior point guard Holly Maines contributed nine points, seven assists and three steals.

The Owls shot 52 percent from the field and led 33-26 at halftime.



Senior center Amanda Braden has moved into second place on the women's basketball all-time scoring list with 1,420 points. Ellen Carey ('92) is the career scoring leader with 1,495 points. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Salem Sweeps Westfield

The Westfield State women's basketball team dropped an 86-65 decision to Salem State in a key Mass. State Conference game last Thursday.

Salem remained unbeaten in the conference and improved its overall record to 15-4. The Owls dropped to 7-2 in the conference and 15-6 overall.

Salem jumped out to a 48-33 halftime lead as it shot 53 percent from the field.

Freshman guard Melissa Smock came off the bench to lead the Vikings with 25 points. Senior guard Terri Niles scored 20 points; she poured in 40 points in win at Fitchburg last Tuesday.

Senior center Amanda Braden led Westfield with 18 points and eight rebounds. Junior guard Holly Maines totaled 14 points, five assists and three steals. Junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle had 10 points and 10 rebounds for her fourth double-double in the past five games.

**Salem Men 87
Westfield 53**

SALEM - The Westfield men's basketball team suffered an 87-53 setback to New England's No. 1 ranked team. The Vikings remained unbeaten in the conference and improved to 19-1 overall.

The Owls only made five field goals in the first half and trailed 46-17 at halftime.

Chris Carr again led the Owls' scoring attack with 16 points. Matt Gauvin scored 10 points.



Sophomore forward Chris Carr of Marshfield poured in a career-high 34 points in an 83-77 loss to Worcester State last Tuesday. Carr has scored 94 points in the last four games. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

This Week's Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 19
Men's Basketball
 Framingham, Home, 8:00
Women's Basketball
 Framingham, Home, 6:00
Saturday, Feb. 21
Men's Basketball
 at Mass. College, 3:00
Women's Basketball
 at Mass. College, 1:00
Men's Indoor Track
 New England Finals at Bates
Women's Indoor Track
 New England Finals at Bowdoin
Feb. 20-22
Women's Swimming
 New England Finals at Wesleyan

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Westfield State Indoor Track and Field Results

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BRUNSWICK, Me. - The Westfield men's indoor track and field team placed third in the Quad Cup competition Saturday.

Host Bowdoin placed first with 183 points followed by Springfield (168), Westfield (84), UMass Dartmouth (80), and Southern Maine (69).

Ryan Schmitt was Westfield's top finisher, placing second in the 400 (53.9), and third in the triple jump (41-2). Also placing second was Scott Turner in the 1,000 (2:42.2). Finishing third were David Provencher in the 400 (54.4), and Josh Collins in the 55 dash (6.86).

Bowdoin also won the women's meet with 247.5 points, followed by Colby (176.5), Southern Maine (88), UMass Dartmouth (32), and Westfield (28).

Lisa Roy placed third in the 800 (2:28.3). Finishing fourth were Nora Lynch in the 20-pound weight throw (33-10 1/2) and Rachel Giracca in the 55 hurdles (9.48).

Westfield's next competition was Sunday, Feb. 15, when it competed in the Alliance Championships (Mass. State Conference and Little East Conference schools) at the Reggie Lewis track facility in Boston.

Westfield State Women's Track Results Quad Cup at Bowdoin College, Feb. 7, 1998

TEAM SCORES: Bowdoin 247.5, Colby 176.5, Southern Maine 88, UMass Dartmouth 32, Westfield State 28, Rhode Island College 21.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Third	Lisa Roy	800	2:28.83
Fourth	Nora Lynch	20 lb. weight	33-10 1/2
Fourth	Rachel Giracca	55 Hurdles	9.48
Sixth	Diana Cares	3000	11:26.2
Sixth	Melissa Merrow	1500	5:17.4

Westfield State Men's Track Results Quad Cup at Bowdoin, Feb. 7

TEAM SCORES: Bowdoin 183, Springfield 168, Westfield 84, Mass Dartmouth 80, Southern Maine 69.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Second	Ryan Schmitt	400	53.93
Second	Scott Turner	1000	2:42.2
Third	David Provencher	400	54.44
Third	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	41-2
Third	Josh Collins	55	6.86
Fourth	Kevin LaCoste	3000	9:05.48
Fourth	Steve Brochu	800	2:04.69
Fourth	Matt Dowaliby	400	54.88
Fourth	Chris MacDonald	800	1:28.6
Fourth	Mark Martineau	400	23.67
Fifth	Matt Collins	400	23.7
Fifth	Steve Brochu	400	55.17
Sixth	Tom Schreiber	20 lb. weight	42-2
Sixth	Garrett Ford	800	2:06.48

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Intramural basketball is always a popular event at WSC.

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Congratulations to team **4:20** (men) and team **AA** (women) for advancing to the regional tournament in the annual *Schick Super Hoops* intramural 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The teams will compete at Northeastern University on Saturday, March 21.

Indoor Track & Field Teams Win Alliance Championships

2/23/98

BOSTON - The Westfield State College indoor track and field teams made the inaugural New England Alliance Championship a memorable one as they captured first place trophies.

Participating in the Alliance meet, held at the beautiful and spacious Reggie Lewis Center Feb. 15 in Boston, were colleges from the Mass. State Conference and the Little East Conference.

The Westfield men outdistanced the competition, placing first in the 10-team meet with 129 points. Finishing second was UMass Boston with 72 points, followed by UMass Dartmouth (60) and Fitchburg (47).

In the women's meet, Westfield State placed first out of nine schools with 98 points. Eastern Connecticut was second with 71 points, followed by Fitchburg State (68) and Bridgewater (50).

"Depth was the key to our victories," said Westfield State first-

year head coach Rob Shostack. "We did not win many events, so it was a total team effort."

Shostack was particularly pleased with his women's performances.

"It was a big win for the ladies," he said. "They were focused and did what we predicted they could do. Their smiles kept getting bigger and bigger as the meet progressed."

Westfield's only individual winner on the women's side was Lisa Roy in the 800 with a time of 2:27.72. The sophomore from Lowell also finished second in the 1500 (5:03.01).

"Lisa really came on strong in the 800 to defeat the UMass Dartmouth runner she had lost to in the 1500," noted Shostack.

Also finishing first was the 4 x 400 relay team of Andrea Petrolini, Rachel Giracca, Diana Cares and Sarah Corriveau.

Corriveau earned all confer-

ence honors by placing third in three other events; the long jump (15-6 1/4), the 55 meters dash (7:91) and the triple jump (31-8). Cares came in third in the 3,000 (11:23.51) and fourth in the 1500 (5:17.74).

In the men's meet, the Owls placed first in three events. Matt Collins won the 400 (51.63); Mark Martineau captured the 600 (1:25.3) and Scott Turner took first in the 1,000 (2:40.27).

"Our efforts in the distance events were a big key," said Shostack.

Finishing second were Joe Freeman in the high jump (5-10 3/4) and 55 hurdles (8.66); Tom Schreiber in the 20 pound weight throw (46-10); Brian Stanton in the 400 (51.83); and the 4 X 800 relay (8:24.39) of Steve Brochu, Turner, Chris MacDonald and Garrett Ford.

Ryan Schmitt earned points in four events: 55 dash (third), long jump (fourth), 200 (fifth), and triple jump (sixth).



Sophomore Lisa Roy won the 800 meter run and finished second 1500 at the New England Alliance indoor track and field championship.

Men's Basketball Roundup

2/23/98

Owls Rout Rams, 97-67

WESTFIELD - Mike Theberge of Easthampton (Smith Academy) scored a career-high 23 points to lead the Westfield State men's basketball team to a 97-67 rout of conference foe Framingham State last Thursday.

The Owls were 5-18 overall and 2-9 in the conference heading into their regular season finale last Saturday at Mass. College of Liberal Arts. Framingham dropped to 1-22 and 0-12.

The Owls trailed early 16-8, then scorched the nets to take a 51-33 halftime lead. Westfield, which shot 61 percent from the field for

the game, led 84-46 with 7:08 left but couldn't crack the century mark.

Theberge missed only one shot the entire game, a three-point attempt. He was 9-for-10 from the field and 3-for-3 from the foul line. The senior guard also had six rebounds and five assists.

The Owls had four players in double figures. Freshman guard Kris Kachelmeyer of Pioneer Valley Regional High School pumped in 19 points; sophomore forward Chris Carr of Marshfield scored 17; and junior forward Adam Manchester of Newton had 10 points and team-high seven rebounds.

Junior forward John Larivee of Harwich had 20 points and a game-high nine rebounds for Framingham, which shot 35 percent from the field. Junior guard Todd Doherty of Winthrop added 16 points.

Fitchburg State Men 72 Westfield State 61

Senior guard George Alexander of Norwalk, Conn., scored 25 points to lead Fitchburg State to a 72-61 victory over Westfield State on Saturday, Feb. 14.

The Owls rallied from a nine-point second-half deficit to tie the score at 46-46 with 11:05 left in the game. Fitchburg then reeled off seven points in less than a minute to take a 53-46 advantage at the 10:23 mark.

Alexander, the conference's leading scorer, had two field goals during the key spurt. The Falcons increased their lead to 15 points, 66-51, with 2:40 left. The slumping Owls were guilty of poor shooting and numerous turnovers in the final 10 minutes.

Freshman guard Joe Mele of Somerville scored 16 points for Fitchburg and junior center Tom Levett added 10 points and nine rebounds.

Leading Westfield with 12 points apiece were freshman guard Abner Rivera of Springfield Commerce and junior forward Chris Carr of Marshfield. Junior forward Adam Manchester of Newton had 11 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks.

The Owls shot a dismal 39 percent from the field, including 19 percent (5 of 26) from 3-point range.

Women's Basketball Wins Two

Westfield 78 - Framingham 29

The Westfield State women's basketball team coasted to a 78-29 decision over Framingham State.

Westfield improved to 17-6 overall and 9-2 in the Mass. State Conference. Framingham is 6-18 and 1-11.

Westfield won at Framingham State, 70-64, earlier this season, but the Owls forced 36 turnovers Thursday while the Rams shot 22 percent from the field.

Senior center Amanda Braden (Worcester St. Peter Marian) led Westfield's balanced attack with

16 points. Ann Whitney of North Adams and senior guard Mickie Turner of Pittsfield both scored 10. **Westfield 71 - Fitchburg 39**

Senior guard Caitlin Foley tied her career-high of 24 points to lead Westfield State to an easy victory.

Foley, who also had 24 in a game last season vs. Fitchburg, scored 19 points in the first half as the Owls led at halftime, 39-10.

Foley was 6 of 12 from three-point range, including five treys in the first. She has made 17 three-point baskets in the last four games.

Vielmetti scored 12 points.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 24
Men's Basketball
MASCAC Playoffs
at Worcester State, 8:00
Women's Basketball
MASCAC Playoffs
vs. Framingham, Home, 7:00

Thursday, Feb. 26
Women's Basketball
MASCAC Playoffs
Semifinals at Salem, 6:00

Friday, Feb. 27
Men's Basketball
MASCAC Playoffs
Semifinals at Salem, 6:00
Women's Indoor Track
All New England Finals
at Smith College
Men's Indoor Track
All New England Finals
at Boston University

Saturday, Feb. 28
Men's Basketball
MASCAC Finals
at Salem, 3:00
Women's Basketball
MASCAC Finals
at Salem, 1:00
Women's Indoor Track
All New England Finals
at Smith College
Men's Indoor Track
All New England Finals
at Boston University

Westfield State Women's Track Results
New England Alliance Championship
at Reggie Lewis Center, Boston, Feb. 15, 1998

2/23/98

TEAM SCORES: Westfield 98, Eastern Connecticut 71, Fitchburg State 68, Bridgewater State 50, UMass Dartmouth 48, Keene State 26, Rhode Island College 26, Salem State 21, Worcester State 12.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Lisa Roy	800	2:27.72
First		4 X 400 Relay	4:27.49
Second		4 X 200 Relay	1:53.83
Second	Lisa Roy	1500	5:03.01
Second	Melissa Merrow	3000	11:17.5
Third	Diana Cares	3000	11:23.51
Third	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	15-6 1/4
Third	Sarah Corriveau	Triple Jump	31-8
Third	Rachel Giracca	55 Hurdles	9.72
Third	Sarah Corriveau	55 Dash	7.91
Fourth	Diana Cares	1500	5:17.74
Fourth	Nora Lynch	20 lb. weight throw	36-1 1/4
Fourth	Starr Dzielewski	1500	11:27.11
Fourth	Andrea Petrolini	400	1:04.16
Fifth	Jamie Thomas	20 lb. weight throw	32-2
Fifth	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:04.70
Fifth	Jennifer Murphy	1500	5:32.02
Sixth	Tina Marie Varzeas	3000	12:02.63
Sixth	Rachel Giracca	400	1:04.84

Westfield State Men's Track Results
New England Alliance Championship
at Reggie Lewis Center, Boston, Feb. 15, 1998

TEAM SCORES: Westfield 129, UMass Boston 72, Fitchburg 47, Bridgewater 46, Eastern Connecticut 41, Keene State 41, Southern Maine 25, Worcester State 21, Salem State 10.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Matt Collins	400	51.63
First	Mark Martineau	600	1:25.3
First	Scott Turner	1000	2:40.27
Second		4 X 800 Relay	8:24.39
Second	Tom Schrieber	20 lb. weight throw	46-10
Second	Joe Freeman	55 Hurdles	8.66
Second	Brian Stanton	400	51.83
Second	Joe Freeman	High Jump	5-10 3/4
Third	Matt Collins	High Jump	5-10 3/4
Third	Garrett Ford	1000	2:43.7
Third	Jake Norton	400	52.13
Third	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	42-8
Third	Ryan Schmitt	55 Dash	6.76
Fourth	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:03.13
Fourth	James Thrasher	20 lb. weight throw	43-7 1/4
Fourth	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	43-7 3/4
Fourth	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	21-2 1/4
Fifth	Chris MacDonald	600	1:27.7
Fifth	Steve Brochu	800	2:03.22
Fifth	Ryan Schmitt	200	23.63
Fifth	Kevin LaCoste	3000	9:17.46
Fifth	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	41-6 1/2
Sixth	Dave Provencher	600	1:27.87
Sixth	Paul Lyons	1000	2:53.63
Sixth	Mike Vatcher	Long Jump	20-9

Hot-Shooting Owls Advance To MASCAC Championships

3/2/98

Braden Sets Scoring Record

SALEM - The Westfield State women's basketball team shot a blistering 74 percent from the field in the first half en route to a 69-58 victory over Worcester State in the semifinal round of the Mass. State Conference postseason Tournament Thursday evening.

Westfield (20-6), the No. 2 seed, faced No. 1 seed Salem State - a 79-63 semifinal winner over Bridgewater State - in the MASCAC postseason tournament championship game last Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Salem. The victor receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Division 3 tournament.

The red-hot Owls hit 14 of 19 shots to take a 37-29 halftime lead. Worcester only made 10 of 28 first-half attempts, but the Lancers kept the game close at the intermission after making 5 of 6 three-point attempts.

The Owls continued their torrid shooting at the outset of the second half, making 5-of-6 field goal attempts to take a 53-35 lead with 14:57 left. For the game, Westfield shot a tournament-record 60 percent from the field.

Westfield's Amanda Braden, a senior center from Worcester St. Peter Marian High School, became the Owls' all-time leading scorer by pouring in a game-high 22 points. Braden, who also a game-high 11

rebounds, now has 1,496 career points. Ellen Carey ('92), sister of professional hockey goalie Jim Carey, held the previous record; she scored 1,495 points in just three seasons of playing at Westfield State.

Junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam had 19 points in Westfield's balanced attack. Scoring 10 points apiece were senior guards Mickie Turner and Caitlin Foley.

Westfield 78 - Framingham 50
WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's basketball team jumped out to a 36-14 halftime lead and coasted to a 78-50 victory over Framingham State in an opening round game of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament.

Four players scored in double figures and two more tallied eight points in Westfield's balanced attack.

Senior center Amanda Braden led the way with 14 points, 11 rebounds and six steals.

Junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam also posted a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard Mickie Turner of Pittsfield scored 11 points, all in the first half, and freshman

guard Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield totaled 11 points, four assists, six rebounds and four steals.

Junior point guard Holly Maines added eight points, seven rebounds and six assists, and junior forward Ann Whitney of North Adams had eight points.

Freshman Jen Joyce led the 6-19 Rams with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Scoring 12 points apiece were Courtney Cronin and Kathryn Scott.

Westfield 75 - Mass. College 42
NORTH ADAMS - Senior guard Mickie Turner of Pittsfield scored a career-high 18 points in Westfield State's 75-42 women's basketball victory over Mass. College of Liberal Arts on Feb. 21.

The Owls ended the season with an 18-6 overall record and a 10-2 mark in the Mass. State Conference.

Turner also had five assists and two steals and was 8 for 9 from the foul line. She leads the conference in free throw shooting (.833 percent) and has made 22 of her last 24 attempts and 36 of 40.

Senior center Amanda Braden contributed 19 points, 12 rebounds and four steals to the winning effort.

Swim Team Sets Five Records At Division 3 Finals

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday, March 4
Women's Basketball
Postseason Playoffs
TBA

Saturday, March 7
Women's Indoor Track
ECAC Championships
at Wheaton
Men's Indoor Track
ECAC Championships
at Wheaton



Varsity Athletes Study Hall Schedule For March

Sundays, Mondays,
and Wednesdays
From 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
in Library

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. - Westfield State placed 17th out of 39 teams in the New England swimming and diving championships held at Wesleyan University Feb. 20-22.

Williams placed first in the meet with 1,693 points followed by Amherst with 985. The Owls earned 204 points and were the third best state school finisher. Plymouth State earned 221 points and Keene State had 205.5. The top 20 places in each event received points.

"We seemed a little flat at the outset," said coach Dave Laing. "It wasn't until the third day when we started to pick things up."

Nevertheless, Westfield swimmers recorded 15 personal bests and set five school records and tied another. Senior standout Andrea Scheele set a school record in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:02.12; finishing 13th overall.

Scheele also placed 10th in the 200 backstroke (2:14.74), 10th in the 100 individual medley (1:04.59), and was a member of four of Westfield's five relay teams.

Heather Stavros set two new

^{3/2/98} school records. The sophomore from Springfield placed 12th in the 50 breaststroke with a time of 32.64, and was 23rd in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.65). In addition, Stavros registered a personal best in the 200 breaststroke (2:40.28).

Senior Brooke Lathrop tied her own school record in the 50 butterfly (28.81). The other new record was established by the 800 freestyle relay team of Lauer, Amy Fischer, Julie Hamel and Scheele with a 10th place time of 8:21.53.

Westfield's highest finish in the meet was recorded by Fischer, who placed ninth in the 100 IM (1:04.57). Other top 20 finishes were recorded by the 200 freestyle relay (20th, 1:47.54), 400 medley relay (16th, 4:20.95), 200 medley relay (15th, 1:58.25), and 400 freestyle relay (14th, 3:51.79).

Other personal bests were: Fischer, 50 and 100 butterfly; Hamel, 50, 100 and 200 breaststroke; Jody Stiefel, 50, 100 and 200 backstroke; Kristin Fleming, 50 backstroke; Emily Hagberg, 50 butterfly and 50 and 100 backstroke; and Lauer, 200 and 1650 freestyle.

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Sophomore Matt Collins earned two All New England honors at the Division 3 championships held at Bowdoin College. Collins was fourth in the 400 and was a member of the 4 X 400 relay that finished second.

File Photo By John Andersen

Men's Indoor Track Finishes 13th^{3/2/98} At New Englands

BRUNSWICK, Me. - The Westfield State men's track and field team placed 13th in the New England Division 3 indoor track and field championships at Bowdoin College on Feb. 21.

The Owls collected 13 points; Williams edged MIT, 74-72, to capture the team title.

Westfield's 4 x 400 meter relay team of Brian Stanton, Matt Collins, Ryan Schmitt and Mark Martineau finished second with a

time of 3:25.18. Brandeis' relay won with a time of 3:24.69.

Earning individual All New England honors were Collins with a fourth place in the 400 (51.05), and Martineau with a sixth in the same event (53.33).

The Westfield State women's team did not earn any points in the New England Division 3 women's championships at Bates College.

Westfield's best finish was 10th in the 4 X 400 relay (4:22.26).

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Amanda Braden recently became the all-time leading scorer in WSC women's basketball history.

-Photo courtesy of the athletics department

Braden sets Westfield State College basketball scoring record

3/9/98

Jon Berman
Staff Reporter

She didn't even know it. When Amanda Braden scored the 1,496th point of her career, she didn't even realize that her shot had broken the record- Ellen Carey's Westfield State College women's basketball record for most points.

"I didn't know until they called a time out and announced it, Braden said. "I was concentrating on winning the game."

Braden's record is a well-deserved honor for the 6-foot, 21-year-old from Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

Amanda Braden's basketball career began in sixth-grade.

"It was at a field day, and the guys didn't want the girls to play....I beat out the guys and won the free throw contest," Braden said.

Braden scored 20 points in her first coed basketball game when she was 12, but was confused as to which basket to shoot at and scored about five points for the other team. After that, she enjoyed the game and its challenges, scoring over 1,000 points for St. Peter Marian High School in Worcester.

Braden has great things to say about the women's basketball team here at Westfield State. She feels she accomplished a lot, and has met many friends.

Braden gives a lot of credit to Coach Rick Berger, who had great teams the last four years. They won 20 or more games each year, earning annual trips to the postseason.

"Coach Berger stresses pride, defense, communication, and teamwork," Braden said. "Just by looking at records (of the teams' performances), he has a great knowledge of the game. I

have great memories from playing here, and I will miss it."

Braden credits her parents for giving her a lot of support throughout her career. They were always at the games, and still are today, as well as her boyfriend John Anderson.

Braden has been successful off the court as well, earning a 3.148 GPA while majoring in elementary education and liberal studies.

Her favorite players on the court are Larry Bird and Michael Jordan, and former WSC players Andrea Bertini and Kathy Jakonowski.

"They inspired me a lot," Braden said. "I loved playing with them and I miss them."

After scoring the record point, Braden is relieved and happy she has "finally done it."

She will graduate in May with memories of a great career both as an athlete and a student.



Seniors Caitlin Foley, Amanda Braden and Mickie Turner teamed up to score 2,756 career points at Westfield State College

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Braden Sets New Standards At Westfield State

By Mickey Curtis, Westfield State SID
3/9/1998

1,526.

That's the new number women's basketball players will be shooting for in their quest to become Westfield State College's all-time leading scorer.

The name next to the impressive number is that of senior center Amanda Braden, who finished her outstanding four-year career last week in a hard-fought 69-62 loss to top-seeded Williams College in the ECAC Tournament.

Braden became Westfield State's all-time leading scorer with a 22-point effort in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference championships. Ellen Carey ('92), who played three years at Westfield State, was the previous record holder with 1,495 points.

During her consistent 109-game career, Braden averaged an even 14 points. The Worcester St. Peter Marian High School graduate was a first team all conference selection in 1997 and 1998 when she averaged 16.4 and 15.7 points, respectively.

"(Braden's career points) were all quality points," said head coach Rick Berger. "The most impressive thing is she never played in many "mop-up" games."

Berger calls Braden "the best pure shooter he has ever coached." Despite her designated center position, the 6-footer scored many of her points from the perimeter. Additionally, she set a school scoring record for free throw shooting percentage of .766. She drained 429 of 560 free throws, impressive even by NBA standards.

"The other thing I'll also say is that Amanda is a player who needs to be set up by her teammates to score all her points. Her points are a team accomplishment and Amanda would be the first to admit that.

"Amanda is a true student-athlete," Berger continued. "She's one of the college's Who's Who students and she has a 3.0 grade point average. I think we brought the right kind of kid to Westfield State."

Braden is high on other career lists. She ranks first in field goals made (547) and attempted (1202); second in steals (226); third in free throws made and attempted, and rebounds (758).

Two of Braden's classmates - guards Caitlin Foley and Mickie Turner - also posted some lofty numbers during the Owls' 20-8 season, their seventh consecutive 20-win campaign. Additionally, the Owls have gone to seven straight postseason playoffs, including the NCAA Tournament during Foley's and Braden's freshman and sophomore seasons.

Foley poured in 895 points during her four-year career; the Worcester Holy Name graduate ranks second in career three-pointers made (173) and attempted (595).

Turner transferred to Westfield State from Assumption College. The Pittsfield product played two years at Westfield, and this season led the Mass. State Conference in both free throw shooting (84 percent, 56 of 67) and field goal shooting (50 percent).

"Those three have meant a lot to our program," said Berger. "They are good players but more importantly good kids."

"It was quite an experience," Turner said of her two years at Westfield State. "I started my career at Assumption (a Division 2 college) but it was too intense for me. I came to Westfield and enjoyed every moment. It was still competitive basketball, just in a more relaxed setting."

Williams Edges Westfield In ECAC Tournament

3/9/1998

WILLIAMSTOWN - Williams withstood an upset bid by Westfield State to record a 69-62 victory in the opening round of the ECAC Division 3 women's basketball tournament here last Wednesday.

Williams improved to 21-4, setting a school record for victories in a season, while the Owls finished at 20-8 for their seventh consecutive 20-win campaign.

Rattling Westfield with a halfcourt defensive trap, Williams took a 33-24 halftime lead. The home team extended its lead to 13 points, 37-24, then the Owls mounted a comeback attempt that

fell just short.

Sparked by the three-point shooting of senior guard Caitlin Foley, Westfield closed to within a point, 47-46, with 5:31 left in the game. Williams then got six straight points from 6-2 center Erin Duffy to take a 55-49 lead with 4:11 remaining.

Westfield then sent Williams to the foul line, but the Ephs responded to the comeback challenge by making 14 of 16 free throws in the final three minutes.

Kathleen Higgins, a standout guard from Worcester, led Williams with 15 points and 14 rebounds. The taller Williams squad

outrebounded Westfield, 42-24.

Senior center Amanda Braden led Westfield's balanced attack with 13 points before fouling out with 1:18 left in the game. The Worcester St. Peter Marian graduate finished her outstanding four-year career as Westfield's all-time leading scorer with 1,526 points.

Foley scored 12 points on four second-half three-point baskets, junior forward Kristen Schmaelzle scored 11, and junior point guard Holly Maines had 10.

Williams, which has won 33 of its last 34 home games, hosted the ECAC Tournament semifinals and championship game last weekend.



The Westfield State College women's basketball team finished with a 20-8 record to post its seventh straight 20-win season. In addition, the Owls qualified for a postseason tournament for the seventh straight season. In the first row, left to right, are: Holly Maines, Laura Fisher, Kristen Schmaelzle, Amanda Braden, Caitlin Foley, Mickie Turner, Kelly Lynch, Nicole Harvey. Second row: head coach Rick Berger, assistant coach Dave Kinne, Stephanie Matuliewicz, Nicole Anderson, Ann Whitney, Jamie Vielmetti, Jill Dailey, and assistant coach Kelly O'Connell.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Four Owls Named To All Conference Basketball Team

3/4/98

Four Westfield State basketball players were recently named to the Mass. State Athletics Conference all-star teams.

Named to the women's all-conference team were first-team selections Amanda Braden and Holly Maines, and second-team pick Kristen Schmaelzle. Chris Carr was a second team selection on the men's all conference squad.

Braden, also first-team all-conference in 1997, led the MASCAC in scoring with a 15.8 points per game average. She leads Westfield State in rebounding (8.3) and is second in steals (2.8).

Braden, a graduate of Worcester St. Peter Marian High School, is Westfield's all-time leading scorer with 1,513 points heading into Wednesday's ECAC playoff game at Williams College.

Maines, a junior point guard

from Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y., (Saugerties High School), is a three-time all conference selection; she was first team in 1997 and second team in 1996. Maines is averaging 8.4 points and 4.3 rebounds, and leads the team in assists (5.8 per game) and steals (3.0).

Schmaelzle, a junior forward from Agawam, is Westfield's second leading scorer (12.6) and rebounder (7.0).

The Owls of eighth-year coach Rick Berger posted their seventh straight 20-win season and seventh consecutive postseason playoff berth. Westfield, 20-7, placed second to perennial power Salem State in the Mass. State Conference.

Carr, a sophomore forward from Marshfield, led the Owls in scoring (14.0), rebounding (5.6), 3-point (44 percent, 50 of 115), and free throw shooting (73 percent).



Westfield State senior Tyler Gerry poses for the camera following the USA Football Division III Mardi Gras All-Star Classic held Feb. 22 in Shreveport, La. Gerry contributed one rush for nine yards in his team's 16-6 victory in the rain-plagued game. Professional scouts attended the game and workout sessions, and Gerry is hoping for a tryout with indoor arena or overseas football team.

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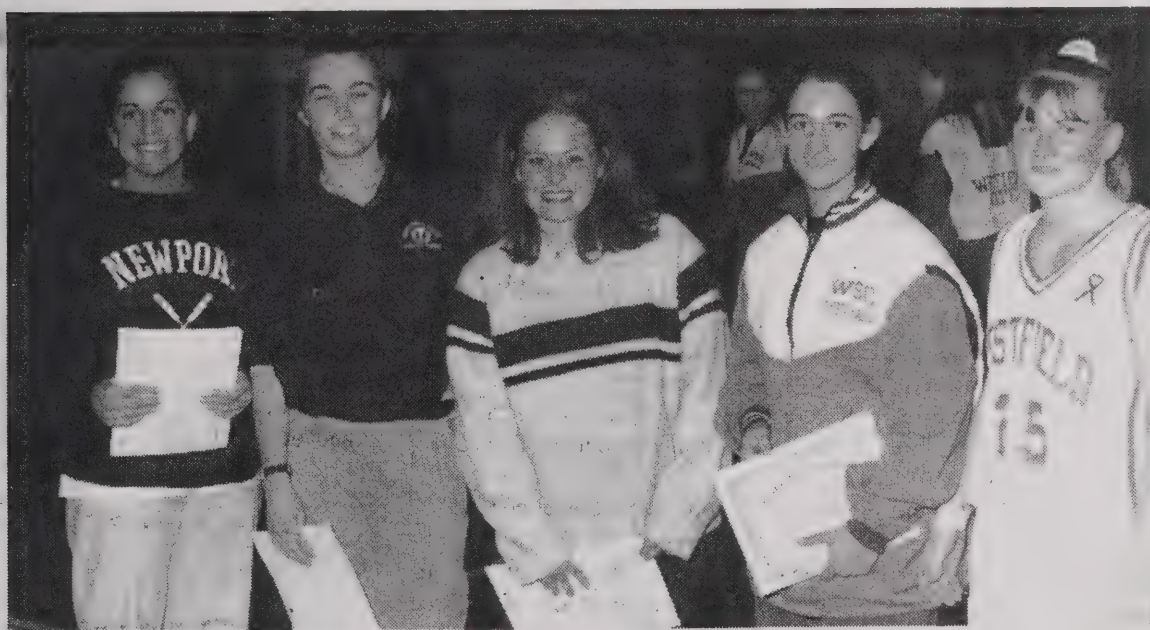
Relay Qualifies For Nationals

BOSTON - The Westfield State College men's 4 X 400 relay qualified for the NCAA Division III indoor track and field national championships Feb. 28 at the All New England championships at Boston University.

The quartet of Brian Stanton, Mark Martineau, Ryan Schmitt and Matt Collins was clocked in 3:21.87, almost a second faster than the qualifying standard. The time earned them a seventh place finish in the all divisions championship.

"The team ran well," said coach Rob Shostack. "I'm optimistic about our chances at the national championships."

The Division III national finals are scheduled for March 13-14 at Brandeis University in Waltham.



Westfield State female varsity athletes were honored at halftime of the Owls' basketball game on Feb. 5 in celebration of the National Girls and Women in Sports Day. One member of each varsity team was chosen by their coaches as a National Girls and Women in Sports Day varsity honoree because of qualities they have that make women's sports successful. From left to right are: Andrea Figueras, women's soccer; Sarah Lyden, athletic training; Lindsay Kamin, cheering; Erika Pratt, softball; and Kelly Lynch, basketball. Other honorees included: Ann LaFauci, cross country; Danielle Baldassare, field hockey; Andrea Scheele, swimming; Tina Marie Varzeas, cross country; and Shannon Riley, volleyball.

Photo By John Andersen

Mass. State Conference Smith Cup Point Totals - After Winter Sports

TEAM	FOOTBALL	SOCCER	SOCCER	WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY	WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL	COUNTRY	CROSS COUNTRY	MEN'S BASKETBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	ICE HOCKEY	TOTAL	POSSIBLE	PERCT.
Salem	X	4	4	3	0	2	2	6	6	6	33	48	.688
Westfield	2	6	6	6	4	1	3	0	4	X	32	48	.667
Bridgewater	5	1	1	3	6	3	0	4	1	X	24	48	.500
Worcester	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	9	54	.167
Fitchburg	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	7	54	.129
Mass. College	X	1	0	X	X	0	0	0	0	2	3	36	.083
Framingham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	.000
Mass. Maritime	0	0	X	X	0	0	0	X	X	X	0	24	.000

X - Did not declare to compete in this MASCAC sport

6 points are awarded for first place, 4 for second place and 2 for third place in round robin competitions.

3 points are awarded for first place, 2 for second place and 1 for third place in tournament competitions (cross country, track and field).

-Compiled by Mickey Curtis, Westfield State SID

3/9/98

Baseball Team Displays Power With 16 Homers In Florida

1997 - 1998
3/30/98

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State College baseball team posted a 4-4 record during its annual spring trip to Fort Myers, Fla.

The Owls had been scheduled to play nine games but they experienced their first Florida rainout in six years.

"It was a very productive trip," said first-year coach Chuck Lelas. "We got to see everybody play and how they respond to game-like situations. Except for a day or two the weather was great - it was hot."

The Owls displayed potent bats as they blasted 16 home runs in the eight games. The entire 1997 season they only had 11 homers in 33 games. Westfield has depth at each position but pitching, as with most teams, remains the big question mark. The Owls lost a veteran staff from 1997 and most of their top

throwers this season are first-year players.

After a slow start, Lelas was encouraged by what he saw. The Owls dropped their opener 17-0 to Wooster, Ohio, which is ranked first in the NCAA Division III pre-season national poll. They lost to nationally ranked team Amherst, 19-7, in their second game, and fell to a solid Rutgers-Newark team, 6-1 in their third contest.

Westfield notched its first victory in the first game of a double-header vs. MacMurray College of Illinois, which is ranked 28th nationally.

Trailing 8-5 in the final inning, the Owls rallied for five runs with two outs and nobody on base. Senior catcher Scott Santino blasted a two-run homer to make the score 8-7, then freshman shortstop Matt Donah of Holyoke blasted a tower-

ing solo homer over the center field fence to tie the score and stun MacMurray. Jason Haché then delivered the game-winning hit with a single past the first baseman as the Owls went on to post a dramatic 10-8 victory.

MacMurray rebounded to win game two, 17-4, then the Owls closed out their southern swing with victories over Roger Williams, 4-3; Skidmore, 15-6; and Rockford, Illinois, 10-8. Westfield pounded an amazing seven home runs vs. Skidmore, including two each by veteran sluggers Chris Malloy and Shawn Murphy.

Malloy, a sophomore outfielder, led the team with a .571 batting average. He had 16 hits, including five home runs, and 14 runs batted in. In addition, he batted 7-for-7 with runners in scoring position. Malloy, a transfer from UMass Amherst, was named Mass. State Conference Player of the Week for his outstanding effort down south.

Scrappy sophomore outfielder John Morrissey batted .526 and during one stretch had nine consecutive hits. Murphy hit .428 with three homers and 10 RBI and also pitched well in relief.

Donah batted .423 with two homers and freshman Brett Poirier hit .411 with three homers.

Pitching most of the innings for the Owls were newcomers Dan DiLeo, Marc Kelly, John McGraw and Pete Csekovsky, and returning junior Steve Marino. McGraw pitched nine effective innings in the 4-3 win over Roger Williams.

"A big key will be how our young kids respond to pitching on the college level," said Lelas. "But overall, I like the makeup of our squad. "We're still learning a lot about each other, but the players have been working hard and have been willing to learn."

Softball Team's Trip South Successful

The Westfield State softball team's first southern trip to Florida was a success as it played 10 games during the spring break week.

The games were played at Lake City, located in north Florida. Seven of the 10 games were vs. community colleges so they counted as scrimmages. In their three official games, the Owls defeated Minnesota-Morris, a Division II school, 6-5, and Cardinal Stritch of Milwaukee, 4-1 and 2-1.

"It was a good trip for us," said second-year coach Joe McGovern. "Our pitching and defense were very good. We didn't hit as well as I would have liked but the hitting will come around."

The Owls field a young but talented squad. The team veteran is junior catcher Maureen Kennedy. The 16-player roster also consists of six sophomores and nine freshmen.

it," said McGovern. "I'm anxious to see how we do this season; we play one of the toughest schedules in New England."

The ace of the pitching staff for the second straight year is sophomore Amanda Carey. She posted two victories in Florida, striking out 11 and walking just two in 13 innings. Also pitching are freshmen Kathleen McLean and Phanessa Fisher.

Freshman third baseman Jill Eastley led the Owls in hitting; she was 5-for-8 with four RBI. Sophomore outfielder Elaine Licata was 5-for-10 with five stolen bases.

Also seeing considerable action were: freshman outfielder Kelly O'Brien, sophomore outfielder Erica Pratt, freshman second baseman Lindsay Meade, sophomore outfielder Colleen Doyle, freshman first baseman Michelle Genovese, and freshman shortstop

Men's Hoop Coach

Resigns

^{3/31/98}
Westfield State men's basketball head coach Al Wolejko recently announced his resignation.

Wolejko coached at Westfield State for the past four seasons, posting an aggregate record of 36-66. The Owls' record was 14-12 in 1996 but they fell to 6-19 in 1997 and 5-20 this past season.

Before coming to Westfield, the Hatfield resident had highly successful coaching stints at Northampton High School and Smith Academy, which he guided to a state championship in 1983. Wolejko also served as the head coach at UMass Stockbridge from 1993-94 and an assistant at UMass Amherst from 1983-1988.

"We'd like to thank Al for all his hard work and commitment to the program," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "We will begin an immediate search to replace him."



Members of the 1997-98 Westfield State College men's basketball team in the first row, left to right: Sam Doner, Shawn Flynn, Mike Strong, Abner Rivera, Mike Theberge, Kris Kachelmeyer, Matt Gauvin. Second row: Kevin Rudd, Khele Sparks, Chris Carr, Jon Mazzone, Steve Madelle, Adam Manchester, Tim Olsen.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 30

Baseball

vs. Springfield, Home, 3:00

Softball

vs. Smith, Home, 4:00

Thursday, April 2

Baseball

vs. UMass Boston, Home, 3:00

Softball

at Springfield (2), 3:00

Saturday, April 4

Baseball

at Mass Maritime (2), 12:00

Softball

at Mass Maritime (2), 12:00

Men's Track and Field

vs. Bowdoin, Home

Women's Track and Field

at Mt. Holyoke Invitational



NCAA Selects Fargen For Leadership Forum

3/30/98

OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS - Andrea Fargen of Westfield State College has been selected to participate in the second annual NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference, presented by Entergy Corporation, which will be held May 25-28, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

This forum will provide the opportunity for NCAA student-athletes to discuss and explore viable solutions to critical issues facing their peers around the country; to enhance their leadership skills; and to promote better communication among student-athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty and communities.

More than 370 student-athletes will attend the 1998 NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference. Student-athletes were nominated from NCAA members institutions, including those that participate in the CHAMPS/ Life Skills program.

Fargen, a member of the Westfield State field hockey team, was selected from more than 850 nominations. She is a member of both the Westfield State athletics department's CHAMPS/ Life Skills task force and the student-athlete advisory board. In addition, the junior history/secondary education major has served on various workshops sponsored by the athletics department.

"We are extremely honored to have Andrea selected to attend this workshop," said Nancy Bals, Westfield State assistant athletics director. "Andrea's



Andrea Fargen

assistance and input has been very valuable to the success of our CHAMPS/ Life Skills Program. I am confident she will represent Westfield State well at the conference and bring back valuable information and insights."

The 1998 NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference will focus on topics recommended by last year's participants as well as by recommendations of the Divisions I, II, and III NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committees. Some of these topics will include: coaching roles in intercollegiate athletics, media perception, and communications and leadership skills on campus and in the community.

This year's list of conference speakers includes: Robin Roberts, anchor and sports commentator for ABC and ESPN; Tom Curley, publisher of USA Today; Cedric Dempsey, executive director of the NCAA; and Quinn Buckner, CBS sports commentator and color analyst and a member of the 1976 NCAA Division I men's basketball championship team.

Women's Softball

3/30/1998

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| 1. Wild Things | 3. Blumpkins |
| 2. AA | 4. Strikers |

Monday 3/30

Field 1

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|------|-------------|----|----------|
| 7:00 | Wild Things | vs | AA |
| 8:00 | Blumpkins | vs | Strikers |

Wednesday 4/1

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| 8:00 | Strikers | vs | AA |
| 9:00 | Blumpkins | vs | Wild Things |

Men's Ultimate Frisbee

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| 1. GOD | 4. THB |
| 2. Milwaukee's Best | 5. Tossin' Salad |
| 3. Slabagine | 6. Maa Faa |

Tuesday 3/31

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|------|---------------|----|---------|
| 4:30 | Milwaukee's | vs | GOD |
| 5:00 | Tossin' Salad | vs | THB |
| 5:30 | Slabagine | vs | Maa Faa |

Thursday 4/2

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|------|-------------|----|---------------|
| 4:30 | THB | vs | Slabagine |
| 5:00 | GOD | vs | Maa Faa |
| 5:30 | Milwaukee's | vs | Tossin' Salad |

Co-ed Sand Volleyball

North

1. Ball Bags
2. GOD
3. ZAP
4. Sand Devils
5. Smackin' It

South

1. Lethal Weapon
2. Sideout
3. FBG's
4. Sand Eaters
5. Lammers Slammers

Monday 3/30

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|------|-----------|----------------|
| 4:00 | Ball Bags | vs Sand Devils |
| 5:00 | ZAP | vs GOD |

Wednesday 4/1

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|------|-------------|----------------|
| 4:00 | ZAP | vs Ball Bags |
| 5:00 | Sand Devils | vs Smackin' It |

Tuesday 3/31

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|---------------|----------------|
| Sideout | vs FBG's |
| Lethal Weapon | vs Sand Eaters |

Thursday 4/2

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Lethal Weapon | vs FBG's |
| Sand Eaters | vs Lammers Slammers |

Men's Floor Hockey

Monday 3/30		
	White/Gray	Colored
7:30	Yo Mama	Parliament
8:15	NWO	WSC Hockey
Tuesday 3/31		
9:30	THB	Slabagine
10:15	KYFA	X-Men
11:00	Whiskey Fox	Parliament
Wednesday 4/1		
6:30	GOD	AAWB
7:15	Tossin' Salad	Whiskey Fox Trot
8:00	THB	KYFA
8:45	Yo Mama	WSC Hockey
		9:30 NWO vs Slaba
		10:15 X-Men vs Parlia.
		11:00 4:20 vs Black

Men's Sports Trivia

Monday 3/30		
1. Slabagine	4. X-Men	
2. GOD	5. Chiefs & Co.	
3. THB		
Tuesday 3/31		
5:00 X-Men	vs Chiefs & Co.	Chiefs
5:30 X-Men	vs Slabagine	Slaba
6:00 THB	vs Slabagine	
6:30 THB	vs GOD	
Wednesday 4/1		
5:00 Chiefs & Co.	vs Slabagine	
5:30 GOD	vs Chiefs & Co.	
6:00 GOD	vs X-Men	
6:30 THB	vs X-Men	
Thursday 4/2 (PLAYOFFS)		
6:00 1st	vs	4th
6:30 2nd	vs	3rd
7:00	FINALS	

Women's Floor Hockey

3/30/98

Tuesday 3/31		
	White/Gray	Colored
6:30	Slabagine	vs GOD
7:15	Gamblers	vs Spikers
8:00	FBG's	vs Wildcats
8:45	AA	vs Wild Things
Thursday 4/2		
7:30	FBG's	vs Spikers
8:15	Slabagine	vs Gamblers
9:00	AA	vs Wildcats
9:45	Wild Things	vs Spice Girls

Women's Sports Trivia

Monday 3/30		
1. Wild Things		
2. AA		
3. FBG's		
Tuesday 3/31		
4:00 AA	vs FBG's	vs AA
4:30 AA	vs Wild Things	vs Wild Thin
Wednesday 4/1		
4:00 AA	vs Wild Things	3rd
4:30 FBG's	vs Wild Things	2nd/3rd
Thursday 4/2 (PLAYOFFS)		
5:00 2nd	vs	
5:30 1st	vs	

Men's Softball

3/30/98

Monday 3/30
Field 1

6:00 Resiewdub vs TMP

Field 2
Tuesday 3/31

6:00 THB vs Slabagine

Bumpin vs Machine

7:00 ABTS vs Under. Alc

Tossin S vs Scrubs

8:00 GOD vs Maa Faa

G-Spot vs South Park

9:00 Fender vs Sneaky Little...

South P. vs GOD

Wednesday 4/1

6:00 Fender vs Tossin Salad

ABTS vs Scrubs

7:00 Tossin S vs The Machine

Co-ed Softball

1. FBG's

4. Rack

2. B & N

5. T & G

3. Slabagine

Monday 3/30
Field 2

6:00 FBG's vs Rack

7:00 Slabagine vs FBG's

8:00 Slabagine vs B & N

Wednesday 4/1

7:00 T & G vs Rack

8:00 Slabagine vs T & G

9:00 FBG's vs B & N

Women's Ultimate Frisbee

1. AA

2. Wild Things

-BEST OUT OF 9 GAMES (First team to five games wins)

-ALL GAMES AT 4 P.M.

-DATES:

Tuesday 3/31

Thursday 4/16

Thursday 4/2

Tuesday 4/21

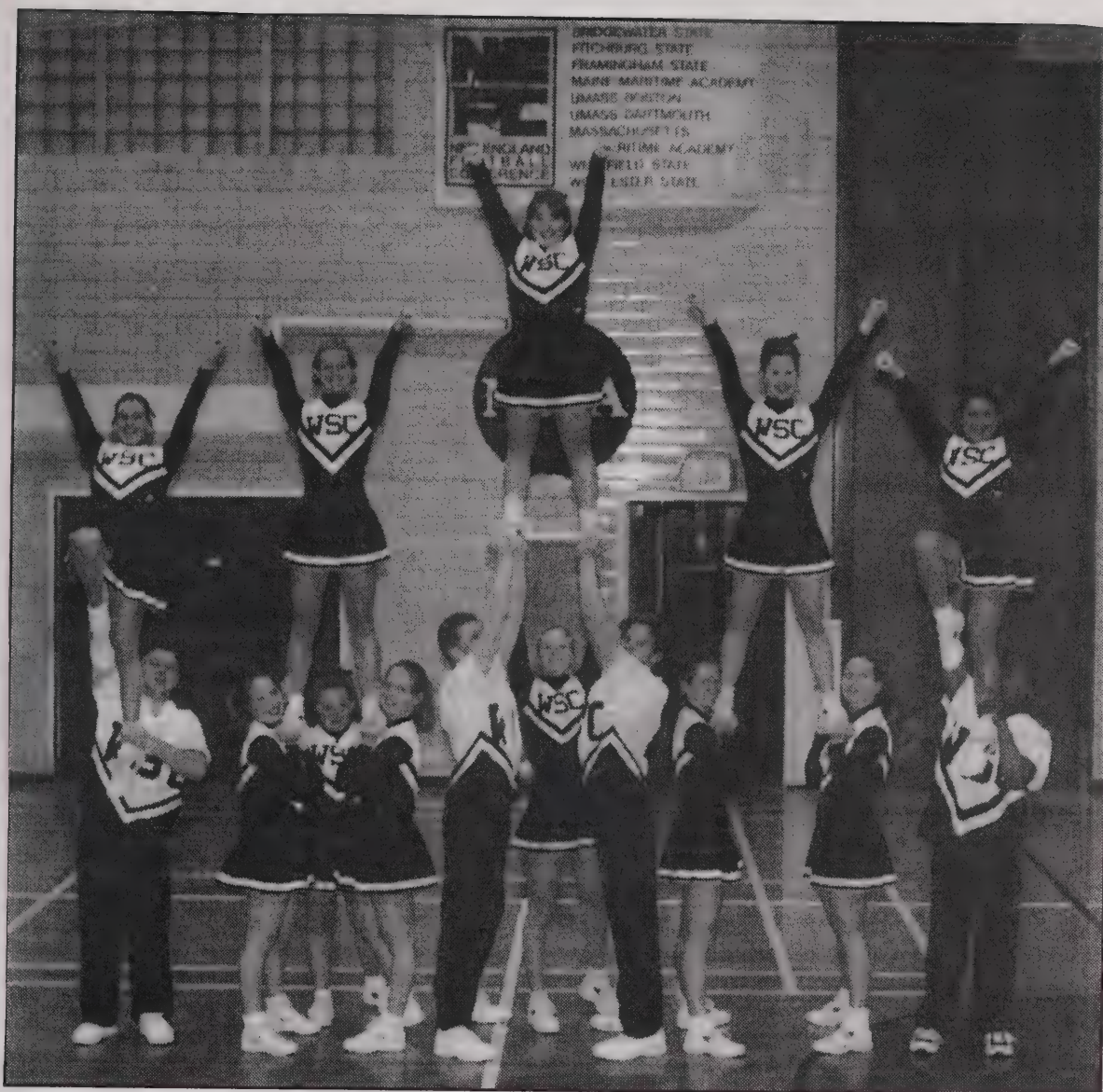
Tuesday 4/7

Thursday 4/23

Thursday 4/9

Tuesday 4/28

Tuesday 4/14



Members of the 1997-98 Westfield State College varsity cheering competition squad on the floor, left to right, are: Steve Wright, Lisa DiMente, Lindsay Kamin, Laurie DiMente, Corey Keehn, Kyleene Fredrick, Mike Politio, Laura McEachen, Jen Bianco, Terrell Thomas. Top, left to right, are: Shannon McGowan, Cindi Furtado, Kim Davis, Jessica Zacek, Robyn Paretti.

4/6/98

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Ups Record To 6-1

Softball Team Nips Springfield In 7th

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State College softball team recorded an exciting 3-2 victory over Springfield College on Thursday on the first game of a scheduled double header.

The second game was postponed because of rain with Westfield leading 1-0 in the bottom of the first.

In the opener, Springfield took a 1-0 second-inning lead. The Owls tied the score with an unearned run fourth inning, then tacked on two more unearned runs in the seventh to take a 3-1 advantage.

Freshman shortstop Erin Rice of Pittsfield drew a walk to lead off the seventh for Westfield. Rice then raced around the bases to score from first after Kelly O'Brien's sacrifice bunt was overthrown down the right field line. O'Brien also scored on a throwing error by the third baseman on a fielder's choice hit by Jill Eastey.

Springfield made things interesting in the bottom of the last inning. The Pride put runners at second and third with one out after a walk and a two-base error on a dropped fly ball in deep left field.

Kerri Dingivan blooped an RBI single over third base to make the score 3-2, with runners at first and third and one out. The Owls then pulled off a double play to clinch the big win. Sophomore Colleen Doyle of Pittsfield caught a fly ball in medium center field for the second out, then fired the ball home to throw out the runner attempting to tag from third base on close play at the plate.

Winning pitcher Amanda Carey improved to 4-1; she gave up three singles and struck out two. Westfield collected four hits, all

singles.

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The Owls, who started five freshmen, three sophomores and a junior, owned a 6-1 record heading into Saturday's conference double header at Mass. Maritime Academy. Springfield dropped to 6-9.

Softball Result

Smith 1 - Westfield 0

Smith College scored an unearned run in the second inning to edge Westfield State, 1-0, Monday.

The Owls are 5-1 while Smith remained unbeaten at 4-0.

Smith scored its unearned run on two errors, a hit batter, and an RBI single by Alexis Cordiano.

Smith sophomore pitcher Bonnie Benson of Winchester gave up two hits and two walks and struck out six. Sophomore Amanda Carey took the tough mound loss; she allowed no walks and four hits and fanned five.

Rapping singles for Westfield were Pittsfield natives Colleen Doyle and Erin Rice.

Softball Sweeps Framingham

The Westfield State softball team won its Mass. State Conference opening games by handling Framingham State, 16-0 and 11-1, on Saturday, March 28.

Freshman third baseman Jill Eastey led the Owls' 21-hit onslaught in the first game; she was 4 for 5 with a double and two RBI. Sophomore outfielder Elaine Licata was 3 for 5 with a double and two RBI. Freshman Kelly O'Brien was 3 for 5 with two RBI.

In the second game, Westfield exploded for seven runs in the third inning. Freshman Sue Smith slugged two doubles and a single and Licata was 3 for 4 with a double. Eastey had a double and single.

Baseball Roundup

Springfield Stops Owls

4/6/98

WESTFIELD - Springfield College pulled away for a 13-6 victory over Westfield State in college baseball action Monday, March 28.

Springfield, ranked seventh in this week's New England Division III poll, took a 6-0 second-inning lead, scoring five unearned run on four Westfield State miscues.

Westfield State battled back to make the score 8-6 after seven innings, but the Pride scored five times in the eighth and final inning in a game called by darkness.

Former Westfield High School standout Pete Csekovsky was the starting and losing pitcher for Westfield State. Csekovsky pitched four innings, allowing seven hits, three walks and two earned runs.

Senior first baseman Shawn Murphy was Westfield's leading hitting, going 3-for-4 with a double. Jeff Hill pounded a double and single and Scott Santino was 2 for 4.

The Pride, 6-3 overall, outhit the Owls, 15-12. Westfield's record is 4-6.

Framingham 11 - Westfield 6

The Owls dropped their Mass. State Conference opener on March 28.

In the second of the double header, the teams batted to a 4-4 tie; the halted game was called after seven innings because of darkness and may be resumed at a later date.

In the opener, the Owls rallied for five runs in the fifth to tie the score. But Framingham responded with six runs in its next two at bats.

Westfield pitchers struggled as

they allowed 10 hits, 12 walks and a hit batsman.

Brett Poirier was 2 for 3 with three RBI in Westfield's six-hit attack. Chris Malloy rapped a two-run single.

In the halted game, Poirier and Guimond both had RBI singles and Shawn Murphy pounded a double.

Baseball Rained Out

Westfield State's home baseball game Thursday vs. UMass Boston was called off because of the inclement weather. The Owls held a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning when the game was cancelled. Westfield's next home game is Thursday vs. West. Conn.

4/6/98

Westfield State Men's Track Results
Wesleyan Invitational
March 28, 1998

TEAM SCORES: Westfield 194, Wesleyan 117; Connecticut College 115; Bryant 103; Trinity 21.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Distance			
First		4 x 100 relay	47.29
First	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	40-0
First	Joe Freeman	110 Hurdles	17.82
First	Matt Collins	400 Hurdles	56.69
First	Mike Vatcher	400	24.29
First		4 x 800 relay	8:44.52
Second		4 x 400 relay	3:31.5
Second	Kevin LaCoste	5000	16:38.15
Second	Dave Provencher	400 Hurdles	62.61
Second	Joe Freeman	High Jump	6-2
Second	James Thrasher	Hammer	40.12
Second		meters	
Second	Brian Stanton	400	52.99
Second	Paul Lyons	1500	4:20.99
Second	Jamel Davenport	Discus	34.04
Third		meters	
Third	James Thrasher	Discus	33.38
Third		meters	
Third	Steven Brochu	400 Hurdles	64.61
Third	Scott Turner	5000	17:17.69
Third	Jay O'Loughlin	100	12.15
Third	Tom Schreiber	Hammer	39.64
Third		meters	
Third	Jim Roots	Triple Jump	38-1/4
Third	Jamel Davenport	Long Jump	19-1
Fourth	Mike Vatcher	Long Jump	18-11
Fourth	Jim Roots	100	12.4
Fourth	Tim Trull	1500	4:24.24
Fifth	Brian Church	3000 steeplechase	11:14.6

Track, Field Teams Win Wesleyan Invite

Westfield State Women's Track Results
Wesleyan Invitational
May 28, 1998

TEAM SCORES: Westfield 152; Connecticut College 145; Wesleyan 120; Bryant 60.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Nora Lynch	Hammer Throw	
First	Diana Cares	5,000	30.63 meters
First	Sarah Corriveau	100	20:26.62
First	Rachel Giracca	400 Hurdles	13.84
First	Jessica Corriveau	200	1:14.79
First	Melissa Merrow	3000	28.25
First	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	11:32.71
Second	Bethany LeFrancois	Shot Put	9.09 meters
Second	Starr Dziengelewski	Shot Put	8.12 meters
Second	Lisa Roy	3000	12:17.57
Second		500	5:22.10
Second		4 x 100 relay	53.99
Second		4 x 400 relay	4:23.97
Third		4 x 800 relay	11:43.10
Third	Jennifer Murphy	3000	12:30.52
Third	Bethany LeFrancois	Discus	24.26 meters
Third	Deanna Thomas	High Jump	5-0
Fourth	Nora Lynch	Discus	23.9 meters
Fourth	Shannon Chalmers	800	2:40.13
Fourth	Tina Varzeas	5000	22:19.42
Fifth	Kara Williams	Shot Put	6.82 meters
Fifth	Kara Williams	Discus	19.5 meters

Softball Erases Elms, 15-0

4/13/1998

Fisher Fires 5-Inning No-Hitter

Westfield 15 - Elms 0

CHICOPEE - The Westfield State softball team raised its record to 9-2 with a five-inning 15-0 victory over Elms College Wednesday.

Westfield pitcher Phanessa Fisher fired a no-hitter during the shortened game. The freshman lefthander struck out nine and walked two.

Fisher also starred at the plate with a double and a single and three RBI. Leadoff batter Erinn Rice was 3 for 4 with four runs scored and two RBI. Sophomore Colleen Doyle had a triple, double and three RBI.

Springfield 3 - Westfield 1

SPRINGFIELD - Nan Duga fired a one-hitter and struck out 14 to lead Springfield College to a 3-1 softball victory over Westfield State on Monday, April 6.

Springfield, 7-11 overall, avenged a 3-2 loss to Westfield State last week. The Owls are 8-2.

Duga pitched hitless ball

through the first five innings. In the sixth, Westfield had its only hit and major scoring threat.

Amanda Carey led off the inning with a walk and Elaine Licata was hit by a pitch. Freshman third baseman Jill Eastley then lofted a fly ball over the second baseman that just eluded the glove of the diving right fielder. The lazy hit loaded the bases with no outs.

Colleen Doyle struck out, then Maureen Kennedy drove in Westfield's only run with a fielder's choice to deep shortstop. Erica Pratt struck out to end the inning.

Westfield did strand six runners in the game as Duga walked four and hit two batters. The young Owls, who have nine freshmen, six sophomores and one junior on their 16-player roster, went down swinging as they were struck out looking only twice.

Carey was the losing pitching, allowing eight hits. Duga, Jen Starek and Steph Saybill - the first three Springfield batters - collected six

of the hits, including two doubles. **Softball Sweeps Mass Maritime**

BUZZARDS BAY - The Westfield State softball team improved to 4-0 in the Conference with a 5-0, 12-1 double header sweep of Mass. Maritime April 4.

In the opener, Westfield ace Amanda Carey tossed a three-hit shutout to improve to 5-1 on the season; she struck out seven.

Carey also led the Owls at the plate, going 3 for 4 with two RBI. Freshman third baseman Jill Eastley pounded a double and a single.

Westfield belted 12 hits in the second game. Eastley was 3 for 4 with a double, and freshman first baseman Michelle Genovese, a Westfield native, was 3 for 4 with two RBI. Colleen Doyle also was 3 for 4 and Phanessa Fisher had three RBI and a double.

Fisher, a freshman lefthander, picked up the pitching victory. She was dominating during the five-inning game, striking out eight and allowing two hits and a walk.



Westfield State sophomore Amanda Carey was named pitcher of the week in the Mass. State Conference last week. This season Carey has a 5-2 record, 29 strikeouts, and is ranked eighth nationally in NCAA Division 3 with a 0.95 earned run average. Westfield's pitching staff is ranked third nationally in ERA (0.75).

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Baseball Roundup

Owls, WNEC Battle To Tie

4/13/98

Westfield 5 - WNEC 5, Tie

SPRINGFIELD - Westfield State and WNEC battled to a 5-5 tie in baseball action Wednesday.

The plate umpire called the game after eight innings because of darkness. Westfield was 5-8-2 heading into Saturday's double header vs. Mass. College of Liberal Arts.

The tie was tough for Westfield to take as it held a 5-1 lead after six and a half innings. The Owls were paced by a fine pitching effort from Westfield native Pete Csekovsky, who had a no hitter after five innings.

Csekovsky left the game after the sixth inning, when he allowed three singles. He struck out six and allowed two walks and one unearned run.

WNEC rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score. The Bears collected three hits in the inning and there were two key passed balls: a WNEC batter reached safely after striking out, and the game-tying run scored when the ball eluded the catcher.

Westfield collected nine hits, including two apiece by Chris Malloy, Scott Santino and Jeff Hill. **East Conn. 14 - Westfield 7**

MANSFIELD, Conn. - Junior Jason Wolfradt gained his first victory with five scoreless relief innings as Eastern Connecticut won its sixth straight game since returning from California with a 14-7 win over Westfield State Tuesday.

Eastern is 14-4 and ranked second in New England and ninth nationally. The Warriors, averaging nearly 19 runs in its last four games, erased a 4-0 first-inning deficit with eight runs over the first two innings and withstood a pair of three-run homers by Westfield State senior third baseman Shawn Murphy to defeat the Owls for the 34th time in 43 games since 1969.

Murphy's second homer chased Eastern starter Jay Wetherell and pulled the visitor to within 8-7 in the third inning.

Wolfradt shut down the Owls over the next five innings, surrendering just three hits while fanning two without walking a batter.

Westfield native Pete Csekovsky was the other Owl with more than one hit. The freshman second baseman was 3 for 5 with a double batting in the leadoff spot. **Baseball Splits At Mass. Marit.**

BUZZARDS BAY - The Westfield State College baseball team split a double header vs. Mass. Maritime Academy. The Owls allowed three unearned runs as they were edged in the opener, 3-2, but they came back to win the nightcap, 7-1.

Westfield is 5-7 overall and 1-

2 in the conference. Mass Maritime is 9-3-1.

The Owls collected six hits in the first game. Westfield native Pete Csekovsky, playing second base and batting eighth, was 2 for 3 with an RBI. Senior catcher Mike Sokoloski of Greenfield rapped two singles.

Freshman Marc Kelly suffered the tough pitching loss; he gave up five singles and a walk.

In the the second game, the Owls received a solid pitching effort from freshman John "Tug" McGraw, who scattered six singles, struck out three and walked one.

Westfield broke open the game in the fourth with a four-run uprising. Freshman center fielder Will Harden had half of Westfield's hits, going 3 for 3 with an RBI. Westfield only scored two earned runs as Mass. Maritime had five errors.

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Track, Field Results

Westfield State Men's Track Results
Home Dual Meet vs. Bowdoin College
April 4, 1998

4/13/98

TEAM SCORES: Bowdoin 88, Westfield 74

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Kevin LaCoste	1500'	4:07.7
First	Brian Stanton	400	53.06
First	Tim Trull	800	2:04.9
First	Josh Collins	100	11.4
First	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	12.24 meters
First	Ryan Schmitt	200	23.7
First		4 x 400 relay	3:35.6
Second	Mike Vatcher	200	24.2
Second	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	12.24 Meters
Second		4 x 100 Relay	47.7
Second	Joe Freeman	110 Hurdles	17.15
Second	Steve Brochu	800	2:06.9
Second	Brian Stanton	Javelin	46.42 meters
Second	Dave Provencher	400 Hurdles	60.4
Second	Rick Krupka	5000	17:31
Third	Joe Freeman	Triple Jump	12.02 meters
Third	Steve Brochu	400 Hurdles	68.04
Third	Garrett Ford	Steeplechase	10:50.92
Third	James Thrasher	Hammer Throw	41.16 meters
Third	Jay O'Loughlin	100	11.75
Fourth	Jay O'Loughlin	200	24.7
Fourth	James Thrasher	Discus	34.04 meters
Fourth	Todd Babola	800	2:12.3
Fourth	Paul Lyons	5000	17.48
Fourth	Brian Church	Steeplechase	11:13.5
Fourth	Scott Turner	1500	4:17.9
Fourth	James Roots	Triple Jump	11.82 meters

Westfield State Women's Track Results
Mt. Holyoke Invitational
April 4, 1998

TEAM SCORES: Bowdoin 194; Mt. Holyoke 152; Westfield 114;
Connecticut College 110; City College of New York 52.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Second	Sarah Corriveau	100	13.5***
Second	Melissa Mellow	5000	20:30.24***
Second	Nora Lynch	Discus	101-6
Second	Nora Lynch	Hammer Throw	101-6
Third	Diana Cares	3000	11:24.15***
Third	Rachel Giracca	400 Hurdles	69.37***
Third		4 x 100 Relay	53.75
Third	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	30-1
Third	Starr Dziengelewski	Javelin	88-7
Fourth	Sarah Corriveau	200	28.14
Fourth	Kara Williams	Discus	91-7
Fourth	Kara Williams	Hammer Throw	86-11
Fourth	Starr Dziengelewski	5000	20:40.65
Fourth	Natalie LeBouef	100 Hurdles	21.00
Fourth	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	14-7 3/4
Fifth		4 x 400 Relay	4:35.66
Fifth	Beth LeFrancois	Discus	89-1
Fifth	Beth LeFrancois	Shot Put	29-0
Sixth	Jessica Corriveau	200	28.65
Sixth	Andrea Petrolini	400	66.13
Sixth	Lisa Roy	1500	5:24.88

*** - New England Qualifier

Baseball Roundup

4/20/98

Owls Take Two From MCLA

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State baseball team swept a doubleheader from Mass. College of Liberal Arts, 9-7 and 9-1, here Saturday, April 11.

The Owls improved 3-2 in the Mass. State Conference heading into this past weekend's conference games vs. Worcester State. Westfield hosted Fitchburg on Patriot's Day.

In the opener, the Owls jumped out to a 5-2 lead after two innings and led 9-5 after five. Shawn Murphy relieved starting pitcher Marc Kelly with one out in the sixth to notch the pitching save.

Mike Sokoloski led Westfield's balanced 12-hit attack with a homer and double and two RBI. Freshman outfielder Will Harden was 2-for-2 with a triple and three RBI.

In the second game, the Owls belted 18 hits and received another strong pitching performance from freshman John "Tug" McGraw, who went the distance, scattering seven singles and striking out five.

Murphy was 4-for-4 with four RBI and Chris Malloy was 4-for-4 with two RBI. Harden was 3-for-4 with a double and Brett Poirier pounded a double and single.

Westfield native Pete Csekovsky was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI while batting in the leadoff spot.

Westfield 13 - Mass Boston 4

The Westfield State baseball team won its third straight game by trouncing UMass Boston, 13-4, Monday, April 13.

The Beacons scored two unearned runs to take a 2-0 first-inning lead. The Owls then broke loose for four runs in the third inning, and three runs in both the fourth and fifth frames to take a commanding 10-3 lead.

Westfield native Pete Csekovsky continued to play well in his first year of college ball. Csekovsky evened his pitching record at 2-2 as he threw six innings, allowing one earned run and two singles and striking out four. The Beacons only collected four hits, all singles, in the nine-inning contest.

The Owls blasted 48 hits in their last three games, including 18 vs. UMass Boston. Freshman outfielder Brett Poirier was 3 for 4 with a triple, double and two RBI. Catcher Scott Santino was 4 for 5 with three RBI and Greenfield's

Mike Sokoloski was 2 for 3 with two RBI. Chris Malloy had two singles and two RBI and Shawn Murphy pounded two doubles.

AIC 16 - Westfield 8

SPRINGFIELD - American International College erased an early 7-2 deficit to defeat Westfield State, 16-8, in college baseball action last Thursday.

AIC is 9-14 overall while the Owls dropped to 8-10-2. It was AIC's first victory over Westfield State since 1993.

The Yellow Jackets erupted for seven runs in the bottom of the fourth to take a 9-7 lead. They pulled away by scoring seven runs over the next three frames.

Freshmen Will Harden and Brett Poirier both smacked three-run homers for the Owls in the third inning; Poirier also rapped a single. Westfield native Pete Csekovsky and senior captain Brian Guimond

both smacked a double and a single.

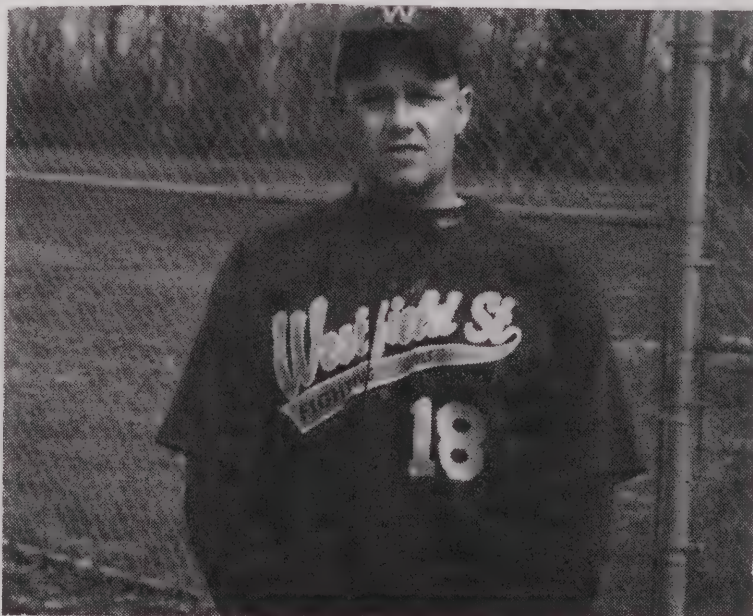
Former Westfield High School standouts Tim Laurita and Stu Gornall contributed to the AIC victory. Laurita, who was batting .391 entering the game, had a two-run single. Gornall, who leads AIC with a .397 average, had an RBI.

Wesleyan 13 - Westfield State 8

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. - Westfield's pitching staff also struggled earlier last week as the Owls let a late 8-3 lead slip away.

Wesleyan 13-10, scored a run in the seventh and nine runs in the eighth for the comeback victory Tuesday. Westfield walked seven batters in the fatal eighth.

Chicopee native Tom LaFlesh, a reserve outfielder, had a big day at the plate with two homers, a double and five RBI. Mike Sokoloski, a senior catcher from Greenfield, had a homer, single and two RBI. Shawn Murphy and Brian Guimond both belted two singles.



Westfield State senior Shawn Murphy was named Player of the Week in the Mass. State Conference. Murphy's stellar week was highlighted by a pair of three-run homers in Westfield's 14-7 loss to nationally ranked Eastern Connecticut. Murphy tallied 11 RBI and four runs scored while hitting 8 for 16. The first baseman/third baseman also is a relief pitcher and earned a save in the Owls' 9-7 victory over Mass. College of Liberal Arts. Through 18 games, the Canton native was batting .421 with 24 RBI, six doubles and five homers.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Softball Squad Splits With MCLA

4/20/98

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State softball team split a key conference doubleheader with Mass. College of Liberal Arts.

MCLA took the opener, 4-0, while Westfield won the nightcap, 1-0. Westfield is 5-1 in the conference. MCLA is 10-11 overall and 1-5 in league play.

MCLA scored three unearned runs off Westfield ace Amanda Carey and took a 3-0 first-inning lead. Maureen Kennedy and Carey both collected two singles to account for Westfield's four hits.

In the second game, winning pitcher Kathleen McLean scattered eight hits and struck out two. The Owls scored the winning run in the sixth when Colleen Doyle doubled, moved to third on a groundout, and scored on a single by designated hitter Phanessa Fisher.

MCLA stranded 11 baserunners.

Keene State Sweeps Softball

KEENE, N.H. - The Westfield State softball team was swept by Keene State, 5-2 and 6-3, in a doubleheader Thursday.

Keene State extended its winning streak to eight straight games and improved its overall record to 14-10-1.

Westfield, 10-5 overall, led in both games but was victimized by a pair of Keene scoring uprisings. Trailing 2-1 in the opener, Keene tallied four runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Westfield State was outit, 7-3. Phanessa Fisher blasted a two-run double for the Owls. The losing pitcher was Amanda Carey.

In the second game, the Owls led 3-0 before Keene erupted for six runs in the bottom of the fifth. The big blow was a two-out three-run double by Kristen Bailey that snapped a 3-3 tie.

No player had more than one hit in Westfield's seven-hit attack. Colleen Doyle and Lindsay Meade both belted RBI doubles. Elaine Licata had an RBI single.

Fisher was the losing pitcher; she went five and a third innings.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 20

Baseball

vs. Fitchburg (2), Home, 12:00

Softball

vs. Fitchburg (2), Home, 12:00

Tuesday, April 21

Baseball

vs. Western Conn., Home, 3:30

Softball

at Coast Guard (2), 3:30

Thursday, April 23

Baseball

vs. Amherst, Home, 3:30

Softball

vs. Amherst (2), Home, 3:00

Saturday, April 25

Baseball

vs. Salem (2), Home, 12:00

Softball

vs. Salem (2), Home, 12:00

Men's Track and Field

MASCAC Finals, at Bridgewater

Women's Track and Field

MASCAC Finals, at Bridgewater

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Track, Field Results

Westfield State Men's Track Results

Springfield Invitational

April 11, 1998

4/20/98

TEAM SCORES: Springfield 212; UMass Lowell 88; Westfield 72; Amherst 58; Keene State 48; Bentley 23; Colby-Sawyer 20; Southern Maine 7.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Joe Freeman	High Jump	6-2
Second	Joe Freeman	110 Hurdles	16.33***
Second	Matt Collins	400 Hurdles	55.19
Second		4 x 100 Relay	53.79
Third		4 x 400 Relay	3:28.62
Third	Tom Schreiber	Hammer Throw	40.68 meters
Third	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	12.75 meters
Fourth	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	12.49 meters
Fourth	Jamel Davenport	Hammer Throw	39.40 meters
Fourth	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	6.07 meters
Fifth	Brian Stanton	400	51.89
Fifth	Steve Brochu	400 Hurdles	59.44
Fifth	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:05.73
Sixth	Mike Vatcher	Long Jump	5.99 meters
Sixth	Jay O'Loughlin	100	11.71
Seventh	Jamel Davenport	Long Jump	5.82 meters
Seventh	Dave Provencher	400 Hurdles	59.83
Seventh	Ryan Schmitt	200	23.13
Eighth	Brian Stanton	Javelin	41.84 meters

*** - New England Qualifier

Westfield State Women's Track Results

Springfield Invitational

April 11, 1998

TEAM SCORES: Springfield 165; UMass Lowell 111; Smith 110; Westfield State 50; Mt. Holyoke 45; Amherst 45; Bentley 38; Colby-Sawyer 12; Simmons 8; Wellesley 6.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Second	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	4.84 meters***
Second	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:01.3***
Second	Diana Cares	5000	19:20.71***
Third	Lisa Roy	5000	19:56.24***
Fourth	Sarah Corriveau	100	13.32***
Fourth	Sarah Corriveau	200	27.18***
Fourth	Melissa Merrow	3000	11:18.10***
Fifth	Rachel Giracca	400 Hurdles	1:10.42***
Fifth	Jennifer Murphy	5000	20:14.01***
Fifth		4 x 100 Relay	53.79
Sixth	Sarah Corriveau	Triple Jump	9.19 meters
Sixth	Nora Lynch	Discus	33.36 meters***
Seventh	Jessica Corriveau	200	27.42***
Eighth	Andrea Petrolini	200	27.46***
Eighth	Tina Varzeas	5000	21:16.17

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Westfield State sophomore Chris Malloy is congratulated by head coach Chuck Lelas after smashing a towering two-run homer over the center field fence vs. Worcester State that sent the game into extra innings. Malloy leads the Owls in hitting with a .448 average. He has 24 RBI, six homers, and a .743 slugging percentage.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Baseball Roundup

4/27/98

Owls Edged By Worcester St.

The Westfield State baseball team suffered a pair of one-run losses to Worcester State Saturday, April 18.

The Owls dropped to 3-4 in the conference. Worcester State improved to 6-2 in the conference and 17-5 overall, in setting a school record for most victories in a season.

Westfield was edged in the opener, 3-2. Worcester scored twice in the top of the fifth to erase a 2-1 deficit.

Chris Malloy was 2 for 3 and Tom LaFlesh of Chicopee pounded a double to account for half of Westfield's six hits.

Worcester's Jason Richards was 2 for 3 including his league-leading eighth homer, a solo shot in the second inning.

Losing pitcher Marc Kelly went the distance, allowing five hits.

In the hard-fought second

game, Worcester won 8-7 in extra innings. Winning relief pitcher Jason Piskator also drove in the winning run in the top of the eighth with an RBI single.

Westfield sent the game into extra innings when Malloy blasted a towering two-run homer deep over the center field fence in the bottom of the seventh.

A four-run uprising in the third gave the Owls a 4-2 lead, but Worcester scored four runs in the sixth to regain the lead.

Westfield High graduate Pete Csekovsky was 2 for 3 with two RBI and freshman Matt Donah of Holyoke rapped two singles. Shawn Murphy slugged a solo home run and Malloy also blasted a triple off the center field fence.

Western Conn. 22 - Westfield 2

WESTFIELD - Western Connecticut rolled to a 22-2 victory over Westfield State in baseball action Tuesday, April 21.

The Owls, 8-13-1 overall, tied the score in the third inning on a two-run triple by Brett Poirier. But the visitors scored two runs in the fourth and crossed the plate seven times in the sixth to take a commanding 11-2 lead. They added 11 runs in their final two at bats.

Westfield's four pitchers issued 11 walks and hit two batters in addition to allowing 20 hits. Brian Guimond had two of Westfield's five hits.

Western Connecticut improved its record to 13-11.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 27

Baseball

at Williams, 3:30

Tuesday, April 28

Baseball

at Trinity, 3:30

Softball

vs. Wheaton (2), Home, 3:00

Thursday, April 30

Baseball

vs. Albertus Magnus, Home, 3:30

Softball

vs. Albertus Magnus (2), Home, 3:00

Saturday, May 2

Baseball

at Bridgewater (2), 12:00

Softball

at Bridgewater (2), 12:00

Men's Track and Field

Williams Quad Meet

Women's Track and Field

New England Division 3 Finals

at Connecticut College

Sunday, May 3

Baseball

vs. Fitchburg (2), Home, 12:00

Softball

vs. Fitchburg (2), Home, 12:00

Track, Field Results

Westfield State Men's Track Results

Fitchburg Invitational

April 18, 1998

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Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Joe Freeman	100 Hurdles	16.76
First	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	41-6 1/2
Second	James Roots	Triple Jump	39-6
Second	Mark Martineau	400	52.3
Second	Tom Schreiber	Hammer	142-9
Third	James Thrasher	Hammer	137
Fourth	James Thrasher	Discus	111-0
Fourth	Kevin LaCoste	80	1:58.6
Sixth	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	40-6 1/2

Westfield State Women's Track Results

Fitchburg Invitational

April 18, 1998

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Second	Nora Lynch	Hammer Throw	106
Third	Nora Lynch	Discus	105-1
Fifth	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	29-6
Sixth	Lisamarie Walsh	1500	5:53.17
Sixth	Shannon Chalmers	400	66.43
Seventh	Deanna Thomas	400	67.13

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Softball Improves To 7-1 In MASCAC

The Westfield State softball team upped its Mass. State Conference record to 7-1 with a double-header sweep of Worcester State Saturday, April 18.

The Owls won by identical scores of 4-3. In the opener, pitcher Amanda Carey delivered the game-winning hit, an RBI double in the fifth inning to snap a 3-3 tie.

Carey scattered 10 hits and walked two batters to improve to 6-4. No player had more than one hit in Westfield's seven-hit attack. Junior catcher Maureen Kennedy of Lee smacked a two-run double to stake Westfield to a 3-1 first-inning lead.

In the second game, Westfield jumped out to a 4-1 lead after three innings. Again, no player had more than one hit in the eight-hit attack. Stroking RBI singles were Kennedy, Erin Rice and Sue Smith.

Freshman lefthander Phanessa Fisher tossed a seven-hitter in recording the complete-game pitching victory.

Coast Guard Sinks Owls

NEWLONDON, Conn. - Katie Wunderlich and Cathy Carabine

each pitched complete games and didn't allow Westfield State an earned run as Coast Guard swept the Owls, 6-3 and 3-1, in softball action Tuesday, April 21.

Wunderlich (12-8) allowed just two singles in the opener and struck out four, while Carabine allowed four hits and fanned one to improve to 4-0.

Peggy Gross, who was 3 for 4 in the opener, delivered the big hit in the first game, a two-out three-run double to snap a 2-2 tie in the fourth.

In the second game, Jen Cook's RBI single broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth. Bonnie Skrenta had four hits while Cook added three hits on the day for Coast Guard, which improved to 19-11.

Jill Eastey had two of the Owls' six hits on the day, including a double. Amanda Carey (6-5) was the losing pitcher in the opener, while Kathleen McLean (3-1) suffered her first pitching loss of the season in the second game.

The Owls were 12-7 heading into last weekend's key conference games vs. Salem State.

Softball Roundup

4/27/98

Softball Sweeps Albertus

The Westfield State softball team upped its record to 15-11 with a 9-2, 1-0 doubleheader sweep of Albertus Magnus last Thursday.

Albertus, 18-7, led 2-0 after three innings in the opener. But the Owls scored nine times in their final three at bats.

Winning pitcher Amanda Carey was 2 for 4 with three RBI and a double. Catcher Maureen Kennedy was 2 for 4 with three RBI and a triple.

Sophomore outfielder Elaine Licata had five hits on the day; she was 3 for 3 in the second game, including an RBI single in the first inning for the game-winning hit.

Freshman Kathleen McLean was the winning pitcher; she gave up no walks and five hits and struck out four.

Westfield was scheduled to conclude its regular season this past weekend with key conference doubleheaders at Bridgewater Saturday and at home Sunday vs. Fitchburg. Westfield and Salem are both 8-2 in the conference and trail 11-1 Bridgewater.

Wheaton Sweeps Westfield

A strong Wheaton College softball squad swept Westfield State, 11-1 and 8-0, on Tuesday, April 28.

Wheaton, national runner-up a year ago, improved to 35-10 this season.

In the opener, Wheaton led 2-1 after four innings before breaking

open the game. Winning pitcher Kim Sears of nearby Greenfield was 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Sears also was the winning pitcher in the second game; she allowed five hits in the two games. In addition, Sears was 3 for 4 with an RBI in the nightcap.

Freshman third baseman Jill Eastey had two hits on the day: a double and a single.

Owls Split With Salem

The Westfield State softball team split a home doubleheader with Salem State in key Mass. State Conference action April 25.

Salem coasted to an 8-0 six-inning victory in the first game. The Vikings blasted 12 hits, including four doubles and two triples. Karen Masiello was 3 for 3 with four RBI, two triples and a double, and Jeannette Gordon was 3 for 4 with two RBI and two doubles.

Salem pitching ace Becki Baker tossed a one-hitter. Losing pitcher Amanda Carey had the Owls' only hit.

In the second game, Westfield edged the visitors, 3-2. Trailing 2-1, the Owls scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Sophomore outfielder Colleen Doyle of Pittsfield slugged a double and single, and Jill Eastey had an RBI double.

Freshman pitcher Kathleen McLean improved to 4-2 on the season with the victory; she allowed six hits and no walks.

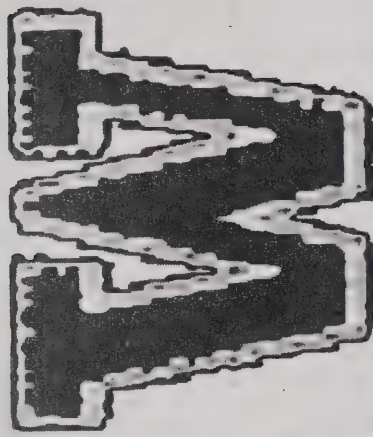
Amherst 1 - Westfield 0

Amherst College, one of the top-ranked softball teams in New England, edged the Owls in a well played game.

The Lord Jeffs scored the winning run in the first inning on a double steal.

Winning pitcher Allison Schwarting struck out six and allowed two hits and two walks. Kathleen McLean scattered eight hits in a losing effort.

Westfield sophomore Erica Pratt of Agawam pounded a double.



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Track Teams Capture MASCAC Championships

Women Enjoy First Ever Title

By Mickey Curtis

BRIDGEWATER - The Westfield State College women's track and field team was "luvin life" as its vans cruised down the Mass. Pike after capturing its first conference championship Saturday, April 25.

"The girls were wired," said Bob Shostack, who made all the right moves in his first year as head coach. "The music from the radio was so loud I couldn't even hear myself think."

Westfield won the meet with 106 points, edging conference rival Bridgewater (96). Fitchburg scored 54 points followed by Salem (24) and Worcester (12).

"It was nip and tuck and back and forth," said Shostack. "I told them (Westfield team) point blank they had to put themselves in front of red (Bridgewater) and green (Fitchburg) uniforms."

There were numerous keys to Westfield's first MASCAC crown. The Owls won all five long distance events and both hurdles races. Double winners were sophomores Lisa Roy and Diana Cares and junior Rachel Giracca.

Roy placed first in the 800 (2:31.2) and the 1500 (5:16.35), and Cares won the 3,000 (11:40.21) and the 10,000 (41:30.46). Giracca finished first in the 100 hurdles (17.05) and the 400 hurdles (1:10.4).

"We had too many outstanding individuals," said Shostack. "Rachel really came through for us. She got us points in events where we were lacking."

Also finishing first were sophomore Melissa Merrow in the 5,000 (19:47.82) and Nora Lynch in the discus (32.62 meters). Lynch, who also earned points in the hammer (third) and shot put (fourth), turned in a clutch performance in the discus.

Westfield State was leading Bridgewater by six points heading into the discus competition, the final event of the meet.

"The pressure was on, a lot of people were watching, and Nora came through to win it," Shostack said, who noted that Bridgewater had two discus throwers, including an All New England performer.

The Corriveau twins had a busy and productive day. Sarah Corriveau placed in four events: second in the triple jump, 100, and long jump, and third in the 200. In addition, she anchored the 4 x 400 relay to a second place and the 4 x 100 to a third place.

Jessica Corriveau led off both relays, placed third in both the long jump and 400, and finished fourth in the 200.

Lisamarie Walsh, the only senior competing, provided capable leadership and picked up key points with a third in the 800 and a fifth in the javelin.

"The girls competed with a lot of class," Shostack said. "We set goals for the season and they exceeded them."

5/4/98

Men's 15th Crown In Past 16 Years

5/4/98

By Mickey Curtis

BRIDGEWATER - Winning championships is something that you can never get tired of; just ask the Westfield State men's track and field team.

The Owls won their 15th conference crown in the past 16 years, and their 21st in 25 seasons, with another dominating performance. Westfield totaled 136 points to outdistance Bridgewater (85), Fitchburg (51), Salem (16) and Worcester (14).

The Owls have plenty of talented performers, mostly underclassmen, and they also have plenty of depth. Westfield finished first in eight events, second in 10 events, and third in 11 others. Additionally, 23 team members scored points.

"Depth and talent overtook them (conference opponents), especially in the 400 meter run, 400 hurdles and the jumping events," said first-year coach Rob Shostack. "What's encouraging is that we have very few seniors on the team and a good recruiting class coming in."

The Owls took the top four places in the 400 hurdles, and three of the top four spots in three events: long jump, triple jump, and 400 meter dash.

Double winners were sophomore Matt Collins in the 400 (50.69) and the 400 hurdles (58.3), and junior Joe Freeman in the 110 hurdles (15.79) and the triple jump (40-5 1/2).

Collins also anchored the winning 4 x 400 relay team and finished third in both the high jump and long jump. Freeman placed second in the high jump.

"Collins and Freeman have been rock solid all season," said Shostack. "Joe particularly looked good. He was crisp; I've never seen him run the hurdles like that."

Junior Ryan Schmitt, the Outstanding Performer in last year's



Ryan Schmitt powers his way around the first turn during a recent meet at Springfield College. Schmitt placed in four events at the Mass. State Conference championships, including a first in the long jump.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Men's Track & Field Team Wins Alliance Championship

5/4/98

BRIDGEWATER - The New England Alliance track and field championships were held in conjunction with the Mass. State Conference championships, Saturday, April 25. The Westfield State men won the Alliance championship, while the Westfield women finished third.

The New England Alliance consists of teams from the Mass. State Conference and the Little East Conference, which includes Keene State, Eastern Connecticut, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Boston, and Southern Maine.

Both the Westfield men and women won the Alliance indoor track and field championships in February at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

In the outdoor meet, the Westfieldmen racked up 151 points to easily outdistance second place Keene State (84). The Owls actually scored more points (87) in six events than Keene State did the entire meet. The events were the 400 hurdles (28 points and the top four spots), 400 meter dash (18), high jump (14), 110 hurdles (10), triple jump (10), and long jump (7).

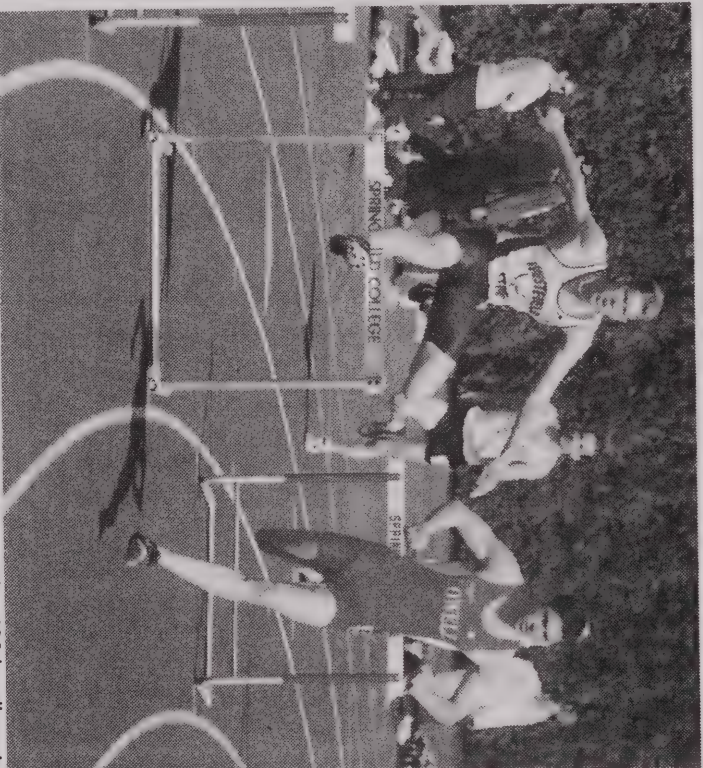
Matt Collins won both the Alliance 400 dash and 400 hurdles

crowns, and Joe Freeman won the 110 hurdles. Also placing first was the 4 x 400 relay (3:32.17) team of Mark Martineau, Dave Provencher, Mike Vatcher and Collins.

The women's meet was much closer, with Bridgewater winning

the team title with 120 points, followed by Southern Maine (113) and Westfield State (105).

Champions from Westfield State were Melissa Merrow (5,000), Diana Cares (10,000), and Nora Lynch (discus).



Sophomore Matt Collins won the 400 meter dash and the 400 hurdles at the Mass. State Conference championship and the New England Alliance championship, which were both held at Bridgewater State College April 25.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

MASCAC Women

Westfield State Women's Track Results
Mass. State Conference Championships, at Bridgewater
April 25, 1998

TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 106; Bridgewater 96; Fitchburg 54; Salem 24; Worcester 12.

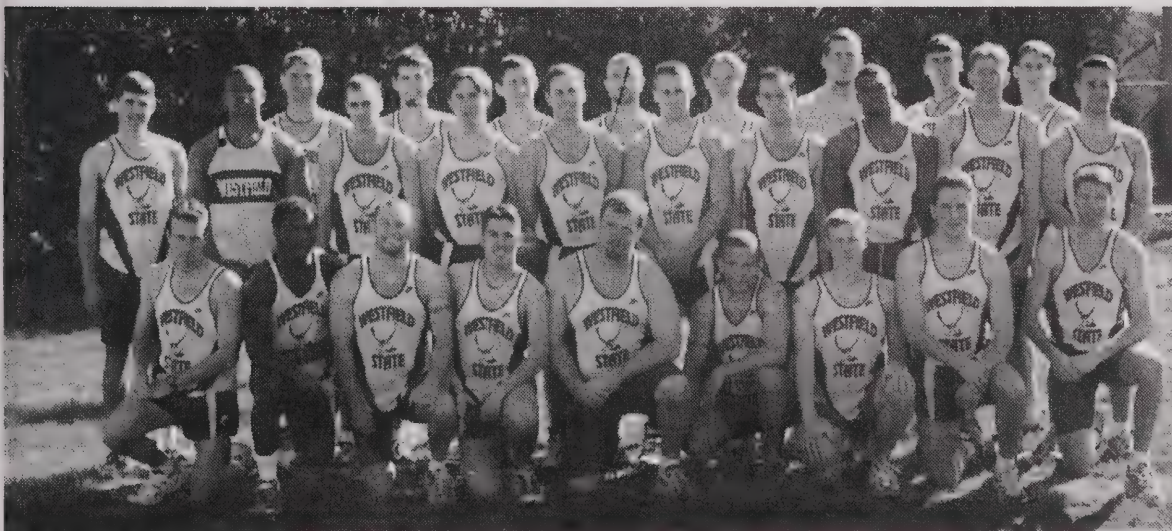
Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Lisa Roy	800	2:31.2
First	Lisa Roy	1500	5:16.35
First	Diana Cares	3000	11:40.21
First	Diana Cares	10,000	41:30.46
First	Melissa Merrow	5000	19:47.82
First	Rachel Giracca	100 Hurdles	17.05
First	Rachel Giracca	400 Hurdles	1:10.4
First	Nora Lynch	Discus	32.62 meters
Second	Sarah Corriveau	Triple Jump	31-1/2
Second	Sarah Corriveau	100	13.26
Second	Sarah Corriveau	4 x 400 Relay	4:14.22
Second	Jessica Corriveau, Andrea Petrolini, Giracca, Sarah C.	Long Jump	14-8 1/2
Third	Jessica Corriveau	Long Jump	13-3/4
Third	Sarah Corriveau	200	28.13
Third	Allison Carnie	5:32.4	
Third	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:02.21
Third	Lisamarie Walsh	800	2:43.71
Third	Nora Lynch	Hammer Throw	34.4 meters
Third	Tracey Borucki	10,000	54:05.85
Third	Jessica Corriveau, Andrea Petrolini, Giracca, Sarah C.	4 x 100 Relay	53.18
Third	Beth LeFrancis	Discus	28.94 meters
Fourth	Andrea Petrolini	400	1:05.19
Fourth	Jessica Corriveau	200	28.17
Fourth	Deanna Thomas	High Jump	4-2
Fourth	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	31-7 1/4
Fifth	Lori Starsiak	1500	5:57.7
Fifth	Starr Dziengelowski	5000	21:19.19
Fifth	Deanna Thomas	400	1:05.74
Fifth	Lisamarie Walsh	Javelin	24.21 meters

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Women's Track and Field Team

First Row (L-R): Melissa Merrow, Sarah Corriveau, Jessica Corriveau, Alison Carnie, Tina Marie Varzeas, Lori Starsiak, Jennifer Murphy, Diana Cares, Tracey Borucki.

Second row: Starr Dziengelewski, Rachel Giracca, Nora Lynch, Andrea Petrolini, Deanna Thomas, Lisa Roy, Lisamarie Walsh, Shannan Chalmers, Beth LeFrancois, Michelle Sylvester.



Men's Track and Field Team

First Row (L-R): Tim Trull, Josh Collins, Jay O'Loughlin, Mike Reis, Tom Schreiber, James Roots, Mike Vatcher, Tim Smith, Ryan Schmitt.

Second row: Jamel Davenport, Kevin LaCoste, Eric Farr, Garrett Ford, Jim Dowd, Scott Turner, Joe Freeman, Matt Collins, David Provencher.

Third row: Paul Lyons, Rick Krupa, Steve Brochu, Brennan Barry, Jake Norton, Brian Church, James Thrasher, Matt Dowaliby, Brian Stanton.

MASCAC Women

5/4/98

Westfield State Men's Track Results
Mass. State Conference Championships, at Bridgewater State
April 25, 1998

TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 136; Bridgewater 85; Fitchburg 51;
Salem 16; Worcester 14.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Matt Collins	400	50.69
First	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	20-3 1/2
First	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:10.2
First	Joe Freeman	110 Hurdles	15.79
First	Joe Freeman	Triple Jump	40-5 1/2
First	Matt Collins	400 Hurdles	58.3
First		4 x 100 Relay	44.62
	Jay O'Loughlin, Jake Norton, James Roots, Ryan Schmitt		
First		4 x 400 Relay	3:32.17
	Mark Martineau, Dave Provencher, Mike Vatcher, Collins		
Second	Dave Provencher	400 Hurdles	1:00.25
Second	Joe Freeman	High Jump	6-0
Second	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	40-2 1/4
Second	Garrett Ford	3000 Steeplechase	11:00.32
Second	Mark Martineau	400	50.98
Second	Ryan Schmitt	200	23.92
Second	Rick Krupa	10,000	36:52.68
Second	Tom Schreiber	Hammer Throw	146-1
Second	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	38-6 3/4
Second	Jamel Davenport	Discus	35.24 meters
Third	Jamel Davenport	Shot Put	36-5 1/2
Third	James Thrasher	Hammer Throw	135-8
Third	Matt Collins	High Jump	5-10
Third	Matt Collins	Long Jump	19-9 1/2
Third	Brennan Barry	10,000	41:42.38
Third	Brian Church	3000 Steeplechase	11:08.58
Third	Scott Turner	1500	4:24.7
Third	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	38-11
Third	Ryan Schmitt	100	11.43
Third	Kevin LaCoste	5000	16:37.9
Third	Steve Brochu	400 Hurdles	1:00.66
Fourth	Mike Vatcher	400 Hurdles	1:01.51
Fourth	Mike Vatcher	Long Jump	19-6 1/4
Fourth	Tim Trull	5000	17:09.4
Fourth	Brian Stanton	400	52.34
Fourth	Scott Turner	800	2:07.16
Fifth	Tim Smith	5000	19:32.7
Fifth	Tim Trull	800	2:09.22
Fifth	Mark Martineau	200	24.26
Fifth	Tom Schreiber	Discus	31.16 meters
Fifth	Brian Stanton	Javelin	145-6

Women's Softball

Monday 4/27

Field 1

6:00	AA	vs	Strikers
7:00	Wild Things	vs	Blumpkins

Wednesday 4/29

6:00	Blumpkins	vs	AA
7:00	Strikers	vs	Wild Things

Men's Ultimate Frisbee

1.	GOD	5.	Tossin' Salad
2.	Milwaukee's Best	6.	Maa Faa
3.	Slabagine	7.	The Usual Suspects
4.	THB	8.	The Blue Knights

Tuesday 4/28

White

4:00	The Blue Knights	vs
4:30	The Blue Knights	vs
5:00	Slabagine	vs
5:30	GOD	vs

Colored

THB
Tossin' Salad
The Usual Suspects
The Usual Suspects

Thursday 4/30

4:00	The Blue Knights	vs	GOD
4:30	Slabagine	vs	The Usual Suspects
5:00	Slabagine	vs	THB
5:30	Tossin' Salad	vs	THB

Co-ed Sand Volleyball

Monday 4/27

4:30	Sideout	vs	Ball Bags
5:30	GOD	vs	Lethal Weapon

Tuesday 4/28

4:30	Lammer Slammers	vs	Sand Devils
5:30	Sand Eaters	vs	FBG's

Wednesday 4/29

4:30	GOD	vs	Ball Bags
5:30	Lethal Weapon	vs	Sideout

Thursday 4/30

4:30	Sand Eaters	vs	Sand Devils
5:30	Smackin' It	vs	Lammers Slammers

Women's Floor Hockey

Tuesday 4/28- PLAYOFFS (Quarterfinals)

White/Gray

6:30	Spikers	vs
7:15	AA	vs
8:00	Wildcats	vs
8:45	Wild Things	vs

Colored

GOD
Spice Girls
Gamblers
FBG's

Thursday 4/30- Semifinals

7:00	Spikers/GOD winner	vs	Wildcats/Gamblers winner
7:45	AA/Spice Girls winner	vs	Wild Things/FBG's winner

Monday 5/4

FINALS!!!

Men's Softball

Monday 4/27

Field 1

8:00 Flaming Moes vs TMP

9:00 Fender vs Yo Mama

Field 2

Resiewdub vs Chewie's Pizza

Tuesday 4/28

6:00 Tossin' Salad vs THB

7:00 SP Cows vs The Machine

8:00 Chewie's Pizza vs Slabagine

9:00 Bumpin Uglies vs GOD

Ball Bags vs Underage Alc.

Scrubs vs Underage Alcoholics

SLP vs Six Feet Under

Yo Mama vs Maa Faa

Wednesday 4/29

8:00 TMP vs G-Spot

9:00 Maa Faa vs Bumpin Uglies

Chewie's Pizza vs Flam. Moes

Thursday 4/30

6:00 THB vs The Machine

7:00 SP Cows vs Slabagine

8:00 Tossin' Salad vs TMP

9:00 Chewie's Pizza vs G-Spot

GOD vs Ball Bags

Under. Alc vs Ball Bags

Six Feet Under vs SLP

Scrubs vs SLP

Co-ed Softball

Monday 4/27

Field 2

6:00 Slabagine vs

B + N

7:00 Rack vs

FBG's

8:00 T & A vs

Blackouts

Wednesday 4/29

6:00 Smoke Dogs vs

Rack

7:00 Slabagine vs

Blackouts

8:00 B + N vs

T & A

Men's Floor Hockey

NORTH

1. WSC Hockey

2. KYFA

3. Parliament

4. Flyin' Squirrels

5. X-Men

6. THB

7. NWO

8. Slabagine

SOUTH

1. AAWB

2. Blackouts

3. Tossin' Salad

4. GOD

5. Whiskey Fox Trot

Monday 4/27- PLAYOFFS

White/Gray

6:30 NWO vs

7:15 Yo Mama vs

8:00 THB vs

8:45 AAWB vs

9:30 KYFA vs

10:15 Slabagine vs

Colored

Flyin' Squirrels

Flyin' Squirrels/NWO winner

WSC Hockey

GOD

Parliament

X-Men

Wednesday 4/29- SEMIS

7:15 Tossin' Salad vs

8:00 AAWB/GOD winner vs

8:45 KYFA/Parl. winner vs

9:30 Slaba/X-Men winner vs

Whiskey Fox Trot

Blackouts

THB/WSC Hockey winner

NWO/Flyin' S/Yo Mama winner

Monday 5/4

FINALS!!!

BANACOS CUP STANDINGS

Men	Points	Women	Points
THB	263	Wild Things	202
Slabagine	227	FBG's	140
SFTF	215	AA	123
GOD	192	Spikers	89
KYFA	187	BWA	87

Baseball Roundup

Owls End Losing Streak

The Westfield State baseball team snapped a 10-game losing streak with a 4-3 home victory over Albertus Magnus Thursday.

The Owls were 9-18-1 heading into the final games of the season. They were scheduled to play a doubleheader at Bridgewater Saturday and host Fitchburg State Sunday. Albertus Magnus dropped to 7-14.

Trailing 3-1, Westfield scored a run in the sixth inning. Sophomore slugger Chris Malloy then delivered the game-winning blow, a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh; it was his eight roundtripper this season.

Albertus Magnus threatened in its final at bat. Catcher Victor Acevedo drew a two-out walk, then Andrew Ciccarella blasted a double over the center fielder's head. Acevedo would have scored easily on the hit, but he fell down rounding third base and had to remain there. Carlos Quintana then grounded out to winning relief pitcher Marc Kelly to end the game.

Malloy was 2 for 4 and Will Harden was 2 for 4 with a double. Freshman John "Tug" McGraw pitched the first six innings.

Trinity 11 - Westfield 6

HARTFORD - The Trinity baseball team recorded its 20th vic-

tory of the season with an 11-6 decision over Westfield State last Tuesday.

The Owls suffered their ninth straight setback and dropped to 8-17-2. Trinity, 20-9, snapped a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the fifth on a two-run single by Sean Gillespie.

Senior Shawn Murphy gave Westfield a 4-0 first-inning lead when he slugged a grand slam; it was his eighth homer of the season.

Junior lefthander Steve Marino took the loss. Trinity out-hit Westfield, 18-7.

Salem Sweeps Baseball

Salem State came from behind in the late innings of both games to sweep a doubleheader from Westfield State April 25.

Trailing 6-5 in the first game, the Vikings erupted for 10 runs in their final at bats to post a 15-6 triumph.

Westfield trailed early, 5-0, but tied the score with a five-run uprising in the third inning. The big blow was a game-tying two-run double by catcher Scott Santino, whose RBI single in the fifth gave the Owls a 6-5 lead.

Salem smacked 13 hits in the game, including three doubles, two triples and two homers.

Mike Sokoloski was the losing pitcher in relief of starter Marc

Kelly.

In the second game, the Owls trailed 4-0, but rallied to take a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the fifth. Brett Poirier drilled a two-run homer to tie the game.

Shawn Murphy followed with a solo circuit shot to give Westfield a short-lived lead, as Salem scored three runs in the sixth and another run in its final at bat.

Freshman John McGraw (3-1) suffered his first pitching loss of the season.

Westfield fell to 8-16-1 overall and 3-6 in the conference. Salem is 19-13 and 6-6.

Amherst 18 - Westfield 5

The Owls also faltered in the latter innings vs. perennial power Amherst College. They led 5-3 after five innings, but the Lord Jeffs scored three runs in the sixth to take a 6-5 advantage, then crossed the plate 10 times in the seventh.

Westfield committed six errors in the seventh and had nine total for the game.

The Owls' leading hitter was Chris Malloy, who was 2 for 2 with three RBI, a double, and a mammoth two-run homer. Brett Poirier was 2 for 3 with a double.

Starting pitcher Steve Marino pitched into the seventh inning.



1998 Softball Team

First Row (L-R): Amanda Carey, Kim Schwarz, Kelly O'Brien, Kathleen McLean, Erinn Rice, Lindsay Meade, Erica Pratt, Sue Smith.

Second Row: assistant coach Jill Dailey, Colleen Doyle, Maureen Kennedy, Becky Pronovost, Kelly Walsh, Jill Eastey, Michelle Genovese, Phannessa Fisher, head coach Joe McGovern.



1998 Baseball Team

First Row (L-R): Pete Csekovsky, Mike Coddling, Dan DiLeo, Sophan Kong, Will Harden, Marc Kelly, John Morrissey.

Second Row: Matt Donah, Tom LaFlesh, Dan Wenzel, John McGraw, Jason Haché, Scott Santino, Brendan Bisbee, Dave Allie.

Third Row: head coach Chuck Lelas, Brett Poirier, Jeff Hill, Adam Cobb, Shawn Murphy, Mike Sokoloski, Chris Malloy, Brian Guimond, Steve Marino, assistant coach Ron Giard.



Westfield State College President Frederick Woodward presents junior Rachel Giracca, a member of the Westfield State track and field team, with a 3.0 Club certificate during the student-athlete recognition reception.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Student-Athletes Honored At Reception

By Mickey Curtis

Westfield State College student-athletes more accustomed with burning the midnight oil were up at the crack of dawn on Tuesday, April 28, to attend a reception in their honor.

The student-athletes were recognized for completing the fall semester with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better. The 90 students, including athletic trainers, received a certificate and handshake from Westfield State College President Frederick Woodward.

"This is a very important morning and a special morning because today we have an opportunity to recognize you as not only student-athletes but also as academic leaders," said President Woodward.

"You make us proud every time you travel to another institution and every time we read the newspaper. I feel very good about what you are doing for our college. You truly are ambassadors to Westfield State College and I believe that's why the faculty is here today to support you."

"I am wowed by the presence of all the students and faculty who are here this morning," remarked Peter Mazza, vice-president of student affairs. "To achieve what you have represents a lot of hard work and discipline. You are not only ambassadors to the college but role models for our other students."

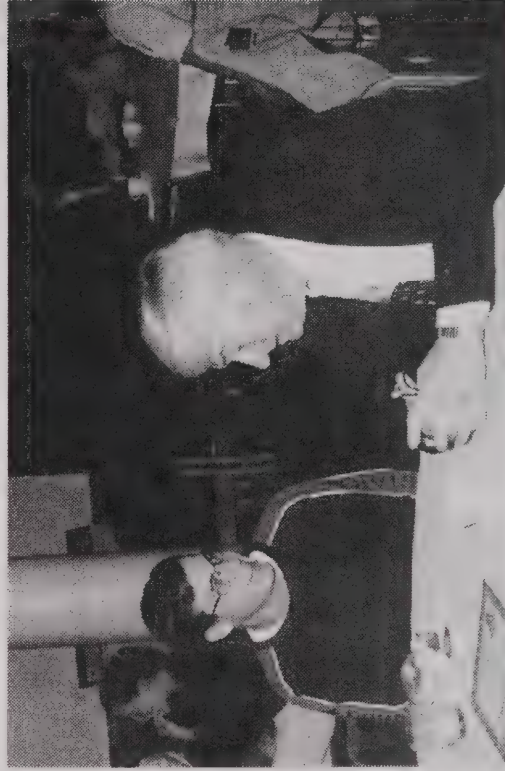
In appreciation for their academic achievement, each young ambassador had the opportunity to invite a faculty member as a special guest to the recognition reception. The mentors were proud to be there, and looked quite at ease sitting next to their students as they enjoyed breakfast and conversation.

"To the students here you honor us by your presence," said Ed Abar, a communication professor who is the Faculty Athletics Representative. "Your hard work serves as a role model for all students, and I'm always proud when I go to an athletics event and say 'that's one of our majors out there.'"

"I speak, I think, for the entire faculty to say that we are extremely proud of you as our students," added Abar.

The student-athlete recognition reception was held in conjunction with National Student-Athlete Day. Assisting with organizing the first-year venture were two Westfield State student-athlete groups: the NCAA CHAMPS/Life task force and the Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB).

"These kind of things are win-win situations academically," said Mazza, "and I think part of the challenge for education in the future at the public school level and the collegiate level is that we continue to strive for excellence academically."



Westfield State College senior Garrett Ford converses with Gerald Healy, an associate professor of economics and management. Student-athletes invited faculty members as their special guests to the academic recognition reception.

1998-1999

Westfield Wins Conference Smith Cup Crown

Sept 8, 1998

By Mickey Curtis
Sports Information Director

WESTFIELD - The 20-year drought is over as Westfield State College captured the 1997-98 Smith Cup championship in the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC).

The Smith Cup signifies athletics excellence in the eight-team conference, and is awarded to the MASCAC institution that compiles the most points based on the placement of each of its programs competing in the 14 league championships.

In the fiercest race in 25 years, Westfield State shares the Smith Cup with Bridgewater State; both colleges finished with 40 points. Salem State, winner of 15 of the past 20 Smith Cups, totaled 37 points.

"I would like to extend my congratulations to the athletics department administration, coaches, and student-athletes for achieving excellence on and off the field throughout this academic year," said Peter Mazza, Westfield State vice president of student affairs. "The culmination of the year with the Smith Cup is a remarkable one in that it manifests hard work and discipline on the part of so many people. Special thanks to the women's softball team for coming through in the clutch."

The Smith Cup winner was determined in dramatic fashion on the final day of the season. Westfield State needed to win at least one game of a softball doubleheader with Fitchburg State to claim a share of the Smith Cup.

In a playoff-like setting, the Owls lost the first game, 1-0. Westfield then won the second game, 3-2, when freshman pitcher Phænassa Fisher of Sterling (Wachusett Regional) stroked a game-winning solo home run just inside the rightfield foul pole with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The stunning shot was Westfield's first homer of the season and

could not have come at a better time.

"That was a great way to end the season," said second-year athletics director Ken Magarian, who first came to Westfield State as a student nearly 30 years ago, and was the head baseball coach the last time the Owls won the Smith Cup in 1978.

"That (homerun) ball is going into our Athletics Hall of Fame," he added. "I don't think a lot of our student-athletes realize the significance of the Smith Cup. Many weren't even born the last time we won it."

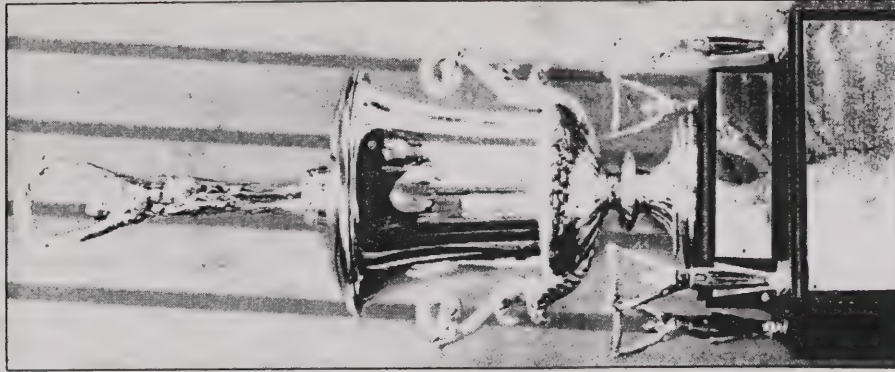
The game-winning homer was a fitting end to the Smith Cup race. Westfield State dominated the fall sports to take a commanding league in the battle for conference supremacy. The Owls earned points in all seven fall sports, winning conference championships in women's soccer, men's soccer, field hockey and women's cross country. They finished second in women's volleyball and placed third in both football and men's cross country.

In total, Westfield earned Smith Cup points in 11 of 13 sports and won six conference championships. The Owls also claimed conference crowns in women's and men's outdoor track and field. They finished second in women's basketball and took the key third place in softball.

Six Smith Cup points are awarded for first place, four for second place and two for third place in the round-robin team competitions. Three points are awarded for first place, two for second place and one for third place in cross country and track and field.

"Everything fell into place for us this year," said Magarian. "The student-athletes and coaches worked hard to achieve success and they all supported each other - school spirit was really high this year.

"But to maintain this level of athletic excellence we are going to have to work even harder in the future. It's a challenge we are looking forward to."



Smith Cup Trophy

Sutter Named Basketball Coach

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Westfield State announces the hiring of Rich Sutter as its new men's basketball head coach.

Sutter, a New York City native, has a wide range of coaching experiences, including a six-year stint as an assistant coach at Colgate University from 1991-97. Colgate won three Patriot League championships and appeared in two NCAA Tournaments during that span, and Sutter recruited All American Adonal Foyle, who now plays for the Golden State Warriors.

Prior to coaching at Colgate, Sutter was an assistant coach at All Hallows High School in the Bronx, which produced standout Olden Polynice, and during the same two-year period worked as the physical education chairman at Holy Spirit High School. This past season he was the head coach at The Trinity School in New York City and guided the team to its first state tournament appearance.

In 1989, he served as an assistant for one season under Gary Brokaw at Iona College, and the previous year was at the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, which made its first ever NCAA Division III Tournament appearance with a 25-2 record.

Sutter, 38, assisted Jack Curran, one of the top high school mentors in the nation, at Archbishop Molloy, N.Y., High School from 1986-88. During that stretch, Molloy's squad, which featured Kenny Anderson, won a city championship and was runner-up for another NYC title.

Prior to that position, he was head coach for two seasons at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, N.Y., where he produced back-to-back 15-win seasons, the first winning records at the school in nearly 20 years.

A 1984 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Sutter earned a bachelor's degree in political science, and was an assistant coach as a student under Jim

O'Brien. He was a second team all-city and all-CSHSAA selection as a scholastic player at Sacred Heart High in Yonkers.

"We are extremely elated to have a coach of Rich's caliber here at Westfield State," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "We were overwhelmed by the number of quality candidates for this part-time position, but Rich was by far the most experienced and impressive of the candidates we interviewed."

"Rich has a diverse coaching background and he comes highly recommended," Magarian continued. "With his contacts, I'm sure he will be able to recruit quality student-athletes."

"I am excited about having the opportunity to coach at Westfield State; I want to put out a team that the school can be proud of," said Sutter.

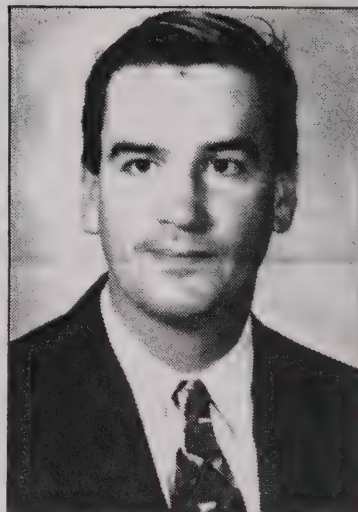
Sutter is well known in the coaching circles, and was highly recommended for the Westfield State job.

"I've known Rich since the early '80s when I was an assistant at St. Bonaventure and we've remained friends," said Boston University head coach Dennis Wolf. "He is a very, very knowledgeable basketball guy and he knows the players in the New York City area quite well....he has the ability to communicate well with people."

"Rich is a sharp young man who has paid his dues," said University of North Carolina head coach Bill Guthridge. "He's worked camps with me and did an excellent job. He has an excellent knowledge of the game and how to get it over to the students."

Sutter also rated favorably with Tim Cohane, the head coach at Division I SUNY-Buffalo. Sutter was Cohane's top assistant at Merchant Marine Academy.

"Rich is tough but he cares about the kids and has a great sense of humor," said Cohane. "You can't



**Men's Basketball
Coach Rich Sutter**

go wrong with him. He'll get good players and win. Rich wants to run his own program and he has all the training he needs."

Sutter replaces Al Wolejko, who coached at Westfield State for the past four seasons, compiling a 36-66 record.

"Our goal will be to get in the best physical shape we can and hopefully to produce a winning season," said Sutter.

3 On 3 Basketball

R O S T E R S

Wednesday, September 16
by 5 p.m.

CAPTAINS MEETING

Wednesday, September 16 at
7:30 p.m. (Ely 232)

Volleyball

R O S T E R S

Wednesday, September 16
by 5 p.m.

CAPTAINS MEETING

Wednesday, September 16 at
7 p.m. (Ely 232)

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Woodward to be inaugurated as WSC's 17th president

Justin McCauley
Staff Reporter

On September 25, Westfield State College will be conducting the inauguration of President Frederick W. Woodward.

Last fall, Westfield State College began a new era as Woodward stepped in as the 17th president of the college. It wasn't long before his introduction that Woodward was faced with his first major issue. In September, during the first week of school, a WSC student was killed in a house fire off campus. The fire drew some early attention to the school and had Woodward and the college thrust into the public eye.

"You never want to see something tragic like that happen and if it was handled improperly, that incident could have cast a negative image on the college," said junior Chad McGuire.

Now in his second year at WSC, Woodward is faced with the poor student scores on the teacher certification tests and the faculty contract disputes with the union. Once again, the attention is directed at Woodward and the college.

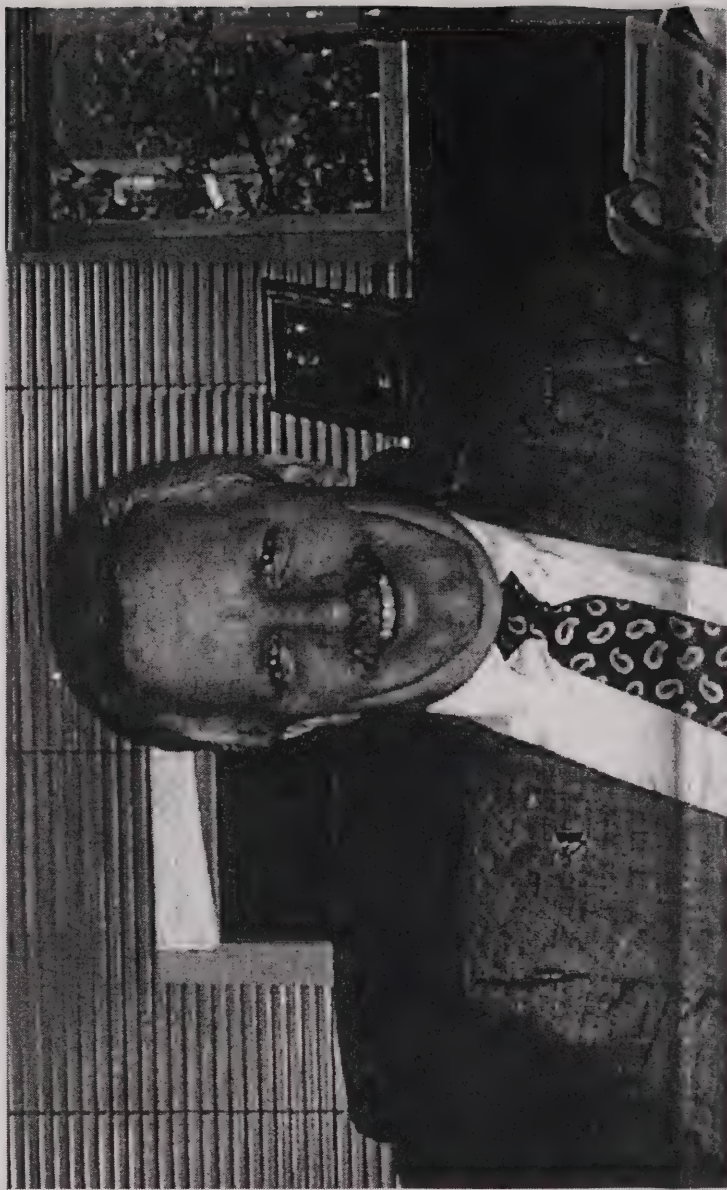
However, Woodward has been in these shoes before when he served as president of SUNY-Morrisville (New York) before coming to WSC.

"I guess I've been doing this for a long time, so I've seen not the same things but I've had other similar kinds of experiences," said Woodward.

The inaugural ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. in Dever Auditorium and will be followed by a reception at 1 p.m.

"This is certainly a big day for me personally, this is very rewarding and it makes me feel really good," Woodward said. "I mean, how many people get to go through this kind of experience?"

During the inauguration, displays called Campus Showcases will be presented in the Ely Campus Center, Bates, Wilson, and Courtney Halls. These displays will consist of the works of WSC's faculty and students. A College and Community Forum will be held in Wilson Hall at 3 p.m.



-Photo by Justin McCauley

President Frederick Woodward officially becomes the 17th WSC president on September 25.

He also recognizes what he has to do to keep the college here for the long run.

"You've got to listen to the clients and the students are our clients," Woodward said. "Most changes come as a result of talking to the students."

Griffin Replaces Lelas As Baseball Coach

Westfield State College announces the hiring of John Griffin as its new baseball head coach last month. Griffin replaces Chuck Lelas, who resigned after one season at Westfield State to take the heading coaching position at American International College.

"John has a vast amount of coaching experience and a great passion for the game of baseball," said athletics director Ken Magarian. "We are confident that he can take us to the next level."

Griffin is a Holyoke native and a 1980 graduate of Westfield State. He was a backup catcher for the 1979 Westfield State squad, coached by Magarian, that qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

He also played for two years at Holyoke Community College, four years at Holyoke High School, and in the Tri-County League from 1978-86.

Since 1987 Griffin had been the head coach at both Hartford Public High School in Connecticut and the South Hadley American Legion 16 to 18-year-olds. From 1982-86 he was the junior varsity coach at Hartford Public High School, and from 1985-86 he was the head coach of the South Hadley Mickey Mantle team (13 to 15).

The Southwick resident has worked at numerous baseball camps; he is director of the South Hadley Baseball Camp. In 1995 and 1996 he was the head coach of the Connecticut High School All-Stars for their annual game vs. Massachusetts.

"I'm very excited about returning to my alma mater to coach," said Griffin. "Coach Magarian had a very successful and respected program here during the late 70s and early 80s and that's the type of program I want to build."

September Sports Schedules

FOOTBALL

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Sat. 12	HARTWICK, NY	1:00
Sat. 19	at Western New England	1:00
Sat. 26	FITCHBURG	1:30
	(Parent's Day)	

MEN'S SOCCER

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Wed. 9	WESTERN CONNECTICUT	7:00
Sat. 12	WILLIAMS	7:00
Tue. 15	EASTERN CONNECTICUT	7:00
Fri. 18	WESTERN NEW ENGLAND	7:00
Wed. 23	ALBERTUS MAGNUS	7:00
Sat. 26	at Rivier College	7:00
Wed. 30	at UMass Boston	3:30

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Day	Opponent	TIME
September		
Wed. 9	at Southern Vermont	4:00
Fri. 11	RPI	6:00
Wed. 16	WESTERN CONNECTICUT	7:00
Tue. 22	EASTERN CONNECTICUT	7:00
Mon. 28	at Keene State	6:00

CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 12	Amherst Invitational
Sept. 19	UMass Dartmouth Invitational
Sept. 26	Cod Fish Bowl Invitational

FIELD HOCKEY

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Sat. 5	Springfield Tournament	11/1
Sun. 6	Springfield Tournament	11/1
Sat. 12	at Endicott	1:00
Thu. 17	at Western New England	4:00
Sat. 19	WORCESTER POLY	1:00
Tue. 22	ELMS	4:00
Thu. 24	WESLEYAN	7:00
Sat. 26	WORCESTER STATE	10:00
Wed. 30	KEENE STATE	7:00

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Wed. 9	ST. JOSEPH'S, CT	7:00
Sat. 12	at Mt. Holyoke w/ Fitchburg	11:00
Tue. 15	at Keene State	7:00
Sat. 19	at Salem State w/ Fitchburg	12:00
Tue. 22	at Becker College	7:00
Thu. 24	MASS MARITIME	7:00

Ely pool reopens after two year absence

Lynn Blakesley
Staff Reporter

Sept. 1998

The Westfield State College swim team begins practice Monday, and for the first time in two seasons, they will do so in their own pool.

"It will be a whole new experience for this team," said coach David Laing.

The pool was closed in 1996 because the liner had sharp edges which were unsafe, and also because of a failure in the pool's filtration system, according to Curt Robie, executive director of facilities and operations.

"Unfortunately, it took a long time for work to begin on the pool because we couldn't gain access to funds," Robie said.

The college finally got

the money through a state appropriation capital fee, he said.

Robie said work on the pool began in May, and that the finishing touches are being put on now.

According to Robie the entire project cost approximately \$265,000.

Senior captain of the swim team Nancy Walker hopes having a pool on campus will help the team gain fans.

"We got no support because without a pool at school, people didn't even know we had a team," Walker said.

Laing pointed out that the team got smaller once swimmers had to begin commuting to practice every day.

"People who stayed knew what we had to do and we did it," he said.

Laing sees a pool on campus as the answer to logistical problems like traffic and shortened practice time the team has had to deal with for the past two seasons.

Walker agrees, "We can work on making the team stronger now that we are on campus and have more time to practice rather than having to waste it driving."

Both Laing and Walker pointed out how helpful everyone at Westfield High School was throughout the entire situation.

"Without their help we'd have nothing," Walker said. "They really came through for us."



-Photo by Justin McCauley

The Ely pool opened last week.

Owls Have Game Plan For Success

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State College football program is looking to "turn the corner" in 1998. Since playing for the New England Football Conference championship in 1993, the Owls have posted an aggregate four-year record of 16-23 record, including identical 4-6 marks the past two seasons.

To post their first winning season since 1993, the Owls need four things to happen:

- The defense must improve dramatically from last year, when it gave up 354 points in 10 games. On two occasions, the Owls allowed more than 50 points.

Defensively, the Owls will be led by linebacker Mike Daly, a senior captain who was the team's Defensive Player of the Year in 1997, and junior strong safety T.J. Raeke, the conference Rookie of the Year in 1996.

"Defensively, we're better than a year ago," said ninth-year head coach Steve Marino. "We're quicker and more experienced. I don't think we'll be giving up 50 points in a game...."

- The Owls have to establish an effective running game with the departures of standout skilled players Mike Bartlett (quarterback), Tyler Gerry (receiver), and Eric Buckley (receiver), who were chief reasons the Owls set a school scoring record in 1997, averaging 23.6 points per game. With a veteran offensive line and the return of junior all conference running back Jason Votzak, Westfield State does have the ability to run the ball.

"That's probably our strength, our offensive line," said Marino. "I think we'll probably rely on our running game as much as possible."

"We're going to run it and try to play defense," Marino added. "We were 4-6 the last two years, 4-4 in the league, and we're just kind of stuck in that spot. We're sort of limited now offensively, but if we play better defense, we have a shot."

- The Owls must remain healthy throughout the grueling 10-game schedule that features nonconference opponent Hartwick, and NEFC rivals Worcester, Bridgewater, Mass Maritime, and Maine Maritime. The Owls also have added WNEC and Nichols to the schedule as the NEFC expands from nine to 14 teams, with two seven-team divisions.

Westfield's roster heading into the season opener numbered 63 players, with a lack of depth particularly evident at defensive line.

"Health is critical for us," said Marino. "We have to not get hurt, and we'll need luck in that department, and kids will have to develop. We'll be moving freshmen up, we always do."

- Quarterback Dean DiGregorio has to have a good season for the Owls to be successful. The 6-1, 205-pound junior from Melrose showed signs of his potential last season when he completed 36 of 74 passes for 482 yards and three TDs.

"A lot depends on how well Dean does," said Marino. "I think he's got the potential. He just needs to settle down. We have to run the ball well but Dean is the key. It really revolves around how well he does."

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Sports



1998 Westfield State College Football Team



Head Coach Steve Marino is flanked by Westfield State senior captains Mike Daly (left) and Dave DeLancey

Owls Outlook By Positions

1998-1999

Offensive Line

The Owls are set up front with five players who saw extensive action last season. Anchoring the line are tackles Dave DeLancey and Mark Luke. DeLancey is a 6-4, 275-pound senior captain who made the switch from defense after the 1996 season. Luke, a 6-4, 285-pound junior, was a second-team all conference selection as a sophomore. "They are a couple of big, strong kids," said Marino. Junior left guard Bob Colbert, a 5-11, 220-pounder from West Springfield, is a three-year starter. Sophomore guard Pat Harrington and junior center Kris Lagor complete the veteran cast. Capable backups include sophomore center Brian Ross, junior tackle Hector Baez, junior guard Jamie Reid, and freshmen George Emanuel and Pete Feeley.

Offensive Backs

The Owls are seeking to establish an effective running game with the return of Jason Votzakis. The 5-9, 205 pounder from nearby Agawam rushed for 968 yards, averaging 4.5 yards per carry, and scored nine touchdowns in 1997. Votzakis, who was second team all conference in 1997, is backed up by two promising freshmen: Shawn Lyman of West Springfield and Thomas Pedraza of Springfield Central High School. Lyman, a 5-10, 185 pounder, ran for 2,053 yards his senior season at West Side. Playing a lot in a reserve role from the Owls' "H-back" position will be junior Frank DeLuca, who also will

be used there as a third wide receiver. The Owls are inexperienced at fullback and their two promising freshmen will share time; they are P.J. Lorentzen and Derek Jeppe. Starting quarterback Dean DiGregorio, a 6-1, 205-pound junior from Melrose, did pick up some valuable playing time last season. In six games he completed 36 of 74 passes for 482 yards and three touchdowns. Sophomore backup quarterback Chris Bourget saw action in one game in 1997.

Receivers/Tight Ends

This is a critical area of development for the Owls, as there are no receivers or tight ends on the 1998 roster who had even one pass reception last season. The Owls do have some experience here, however, as the starting wide receivers - Rick Cincotta and Pete Starvaggi - both saw playing time in 1996 before sitting out last season. Listed as the backups heading into the season opener are freshmen David Eaton and Vinny Ferrecchia. Two talented first-year players are sharing time at tight end: junior transfer John Frasco of Chicopee and freshman Ryan Lamb of Dalton. Marino is high on both players.

Defensive Line

Westfield's major concern here is to stay injury free, as it only goes two-deep with eight players on the depth chart. Starting at defensive end are freshman Jay Rudman and senior Bob Bjorkgren, who finished strong in 1997 when he recorded 33 tackles and a team-high seven sacks.

In the interior are Mike Flaherty and junior Jay Cael, who posted 29 tackles and two sacks a year ago. Backups include freshman end Kurt Gertsen, who has looked good in the early going; sophomore end Tim Corr, senior Mike Bolton, and junior Greg King.

Linebackers

Senior captain Mike Daly anchors the middle defense. Daly was a second team all conference pick in 1997 when he registered 73 tackles (52 solos) and six pass breakups. Also returning is junior Brett Poirier, who posted 54 tackles last season. Junior Jamie Wallwork is the other starting linebacker. Reserves include freshman James Auston of Springfield Central, sophomore Ken Stewart, freshman Matt Getchell and sophomore John Hergenhan, a transfer from the University of Albany.

Defensive Backs

The Owls are experienced in the defensive backfield. Junior

strong safety T.J. Raeke is starting for the third consecutive year. He was named the New England Football Conference Rookie of the Year in 1996; he has a two-year total of 105 tackles, seven interceptions and four fumble recoveries. Senior Gary Fredericks returns after sitting out last season. Junior R.J. Skaza recorded three interceptions and a team-high eight pass breakups in 1997, while sophomore Bob Williams posted 18 tackles. Marino expects freshman Ryan Clifford of Waltham to see a lot of playing time. Sophomore Kaleb Roy and freshmen Neal Byrne and Pat Swett provide depth.

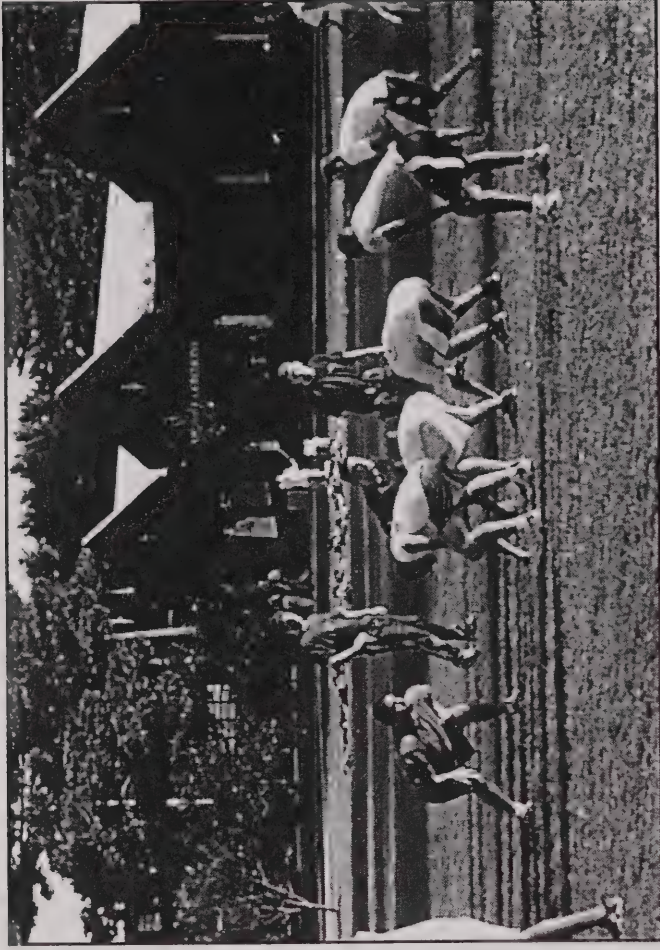
Specialty Teams

Shawn Lyman and Frank DeLuca are back deep for kickoffs and punts. John Frasco is slated to handle the punting chores, with T.J. Raeke the backup. Bob Williams does the kicking off, with either John Frasco or Pete Starvaggi booting the field goals and PATs.



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Women's intramural volleyball action.



-Photo by Justin McCauley

Intramural flag football action.

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Fall Sports Roundup

Sophomore Tim Whitney of Marlboro came off the bench to score two goals in a four-minute span early in the second half to lead the Westfield State men's soccer team to its first victory of the season, a 2-0 triumph over Eastern Connecticut State.

Whitney scored 5:32 into the second half on a penalty kick, then added another goal at the 53:51 mark on a 15-yard blast in front of the net; he was assisted by Andrew Lewis.

Westfield freshman goalie D.J. Conway saw his first collegiate action between the pipes and recorded the shutout along with three saves. The Owls, who were minus five of their key players with injuries, outshot Eastern, 18-4.

Volleyball 3 - Keene State 1

KEENE, N.H. - The Westfield State women's volleyball team outlasted Keene, 3-1, Tuesday.

The Owls are 2-2 overall while Keene moved to 2-3. Westfield won by set scores of 15-10, 15-13, 12-15, and 15-13. The Owls rallied from a 10-2 deficit to take the second set.

In the final match, freshman Kristen Johnson had four key service aces for the Owls. Westfield junior standout Katelyn Butler finished the night with 13 kills and two blocks.

Women's Soccer 1 - Western Conn. 1

The women's soccer team extended its school-record unbeaten streak to 12 straight games by battling Western Connecticut to a 1-1 deadlock last Wednesday.

Western Connecticut, the No.

3 ranked team in the NCAA Metro Region, is 3-1-2. Westfield, ranked fifth in the Metro Region, moved to 1-0-2 following its second straight 1-1 tie.

Scoring Westfield's unassisted goal to tie the score just 13 minutes into the game was sophomore Erin Reardon. Jill Eastey made 11 saves.

Field Hockey 1 - WNEC 0

SPRINGFIELD - Lori O'Doherty scored in sudden death overtime to lift Westfield to its second straight victory last Thursday.

Sophomore goalie Phanessa Fisher recorded her first collegiate shutout. Also playing well were Brooke Wadham and Kara Jagodzinski.

The Owls outshot WNEC, 18-5. Westfield improved to 2-3; it was the season opener for WNEC.

Volleyball Splits

SOUTH HADLEY - The Owls swept conference foe Fitchburg State 15-8, 17-15, 15-6, while losing to Mount Holyoke College 8-15, 15-8, 15-2, 10-15, 13-15.

Cross Country Results

AMHERST - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams placed third and sixth, respectively, in the Amherst Invitational. The host team won both meets.

Westfield's top men's finisher was Kevin LaCoste, who placed 12th with a time of 28:06 over the five-mile layout. Adam Roche finished 21st in 28:48.

Melissa Merrow finished 15th for the Westfield women with a 20:54 clocking over the 3.1 mile layout. Diana Care's was 27th in 21:45.

September Sports Schedules

FOOTBALL

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Sat. 26	FITCHBURG	1:30
	(Parent's Day)	

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Tue. 22	at Becker College	7:00
Thu. 24	MASS MARITIME	7:00

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Tue. 22	EASTERN CONNECTICUT	7:00
Mon. 28	at Keene State	6:00

CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 26 Cod Fish Bowl Invitational

FIELD HOCKEY

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Tue. 22	ELMS	4:00
Thu. 24	WESLEYAN	7:00
Sat. 26	WORCESTER STATE	10:00
Wed. 30	KEENE STATE	7:00

MEN'S SOCCER

Day	Opponent	Time
September		
Wed. 23	ALBERTUS MAGNUS	7:00
Sat. 26	at Rivier College	7:00
Wed. 30	at UMass Boston	3:30

1998 Men's Soccer Preview

Team Play Key To Owls' Success

By Tony Staffiere
SID Student Assistant

It is fitting that when asked what best identifies the 1998 Westfield State men's soccer team, the majority of the players and their head coach all respond with two words: "team unity."

"We are all good friends," said first-year goalkeeper D.J. Conway. "We get along off the field just as well as we do on the field."

The Owls will need to be unified as they already face an uphill battle starting the 1998 campaign at 1-2. The hill gets steeper with the loss of five starters to injuries and one of the toughest schedules in school history, which includes three of the top 10 team in New England.

"There is such togetherness on this team," said sophomore forward Tim Whitney.

Players attribute this solidarity amongst team members to their relationships off the field as well as the positive attitude they have whenever they take to the field.

"We don't just show up and kick the ball around," sophomore forward Andrew Lewis said. "We want to win."

Westfield State started the season by dropping a 2-1 decision to Western Connecticut, then came up on the short end of a 2-1 double overtime thriller against perennial power Williams College at Alumni Field. Williams returns all but one

player from last year's team that handled the Owls, 6-1, in the ECAC Tournament, while Western Conn. beat Westfield, 4-1, a year ago.

Sparked by two goals from Tim Whitney, Westfield won its first game of the season, 2-0, last Tuesday when it defeated Eastern Connecticut. Last season Eastern Connecticut handed Westfield one of its four losses, 3-2.

"I see it as continued improvement," Whalley said. "This year we've been riddled with injuries."

The injuries that have plagued the Owls early have sidelined five players. The team will be without the services of senior captain Peter Beaupre, an all conference midfielder in 1997, who is out for the season with a torn ACL he sustained in the season opener. Karl Labadorf, a third team All New England player in 1997 when he led the team and conference in scoring with 36 points (15 goals, six assists), sat out the first three games with a hamstring injury. Other players who have been stricken with the injury bug include senior captain Andrew Haney (ankle), goalkeeper Nick Ammendolia, and sophomore back Randy Gill.

The loss of key players has forced Whalley to dip into his bench which finds 12 first-year players, including nine true freshmen. Whalley feels this youth movement will only help the team.

"When the starters do come back, the players playing behind them are going to have some valued experience and this will make us a better team," said Whalley.

Conway, along with Jeff Autenrieth, Hugo Destapado, Luke Statton, Dan Manning, Tim Cranson, Justin Calheno, Jonathan Haluch, Chris Drown, Adam Hoyle, Joe Seiler, and Ammendolia, all will log valuable minutes in just their first year in an Owl uniform.

Fans will need a program as 18 players will regularly check in and out of the game for Westfield State rather than the common 12 or 13-man rotation used by other colleges.

When the Owls finally do get at full strength, they will rely on Labadorf's All New England foot. Danvers native Lewis should provide added firepower coming off last year's 31 points (12 goals, seven assists). Whitney also can provide scoring punch, as he netted eight goals last season.

The schedule makers haven't made it any easier for the Owls either.

"The advice from the (NCAA) tournament selection committee was to get some tougher games," said Whalley.

And tough they got. With the addition of national power Williams College and a November showdown with Keene State, the Owls hope to have enough ammunition to throw at the committee during tournament time. MASCAC rivals Salem and Mass. College also look to be formidable opponents when the Owls, the defending conference champions, begin league play.

While the Owls will create excitement on the field, fans can get excited about food giveaways and local youth displaying their abilities at halftime. Fans who cheer the loudest and in positive manner receive a free pizza compliments of Papa John's Pizza in Westfield.

To ensure support for all the players, spectators who arrive to the game before player introductions will get a ticket to be entered in a Subway sandwich giveaway. The person who holds the ticket with the winning numbers will receive a two-foot submarine sandwich at halftime. Area youth also display their talents in the form of a 15-minute mini-game on the AstroTurf field.

"Hearing the crowd going crazy for the pizza and sandwiches is neat," said Conway. "The whole atmosphere is just great."

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Westfield State senior captain Peter Beaupre's collegiate soccer career ended too soon, as he suffered a season-ending ACL knee injury in the first game of the season. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Athletics Hall of Fame To Induct Six

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Six former Westfield State greats will be inducted into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame during Alumni Weekend on Friday, Oct. 16.

The Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 1998 includes: the late F. Paul Bogan (athletics director/coach, 1963-95); Kevin Crowley (cross country/track, '81); Ed Matulewicz (basketball/soccer/tennis, '69); Chet Symancyk (baseball/basketball, '53); Russell Thompson (basketball, '87), and Marian (Tully) McGee (softball, '78). They will join 33 other former athletes, coaches and administrators who have been inducted into the Westfield State Athletics Hall of Fame.

The Fifth Annual inductions banquet will be held in Scanlon Banquet Hall. The social hour begins at 6:00 followed by the dinner at 7:00 p.m. Call the athletics department at 413-572-5405 for ticket information.



F. PAUL BOGAN

F. Paul Bogan played a significant role in the rise and prestige of Westfield State athletics department. Bogan served as athletics director for 32 years, from 1963 to 1995, and the program grew from two sports to as many as 22.

During his tenure, Westfield State captured four Smith Cup and 63 Massachusetts State Conference team championships. The Owls won 15 regional team titles, and participated in 19 NCAA tournaments and 32 ECAC tournaments. Additionally, countless athletes earned individual honors on the regional and national levels.

Bogan held many titles during his years at Westfield State. He was the head baseball coach for 10 years (1963-72) and the head men's basketball coach for four years (1964-67). In addition, he was a faculty member during his early years at Westfield State, teaching physical education.

Bogan's leadership experience extended beyond Westfield State. He was the commissioner of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference from 1980 to 1990, and the commissioner of the New England Football Conference from 1991 to 1996. Also in 1991 he was president of the New England College Athletic Conference.

Bogan was actively involved in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. He was on the association's executive committee from 1976 to 1980; the secretary from 1980-85; and the parliamentarian from 1985 until his death in July of 1997.

This past January, the 92nd annual NCAA Convention adopted a memorial resolution commemorating his distinguished service to athletics.

Bogan officiated high school and college soccer games for many years, and served on various com-

mittees of the national and New England Intercollegiate Soccer Officials.

Following his retirement from Westfield State in August of 1995, he became the first full-time commissioner of the Northeast 10 Conference.

Bogan also displayed his leadership abilities in the city of Westfield. He was on the board of directors at Camp Togawauk; a group leader in the community drug abuse program, and a committee member of the Westfield Industrial Development Financing Authority.

The Fall River native graduated from Durfee High School in 1953, and was a star athlete in football, baseball, track, and basketball. He attended Boston University from 1956-59 and played football there, then transferred to UMass Amherst, where he graduated from in 1960. Bogan earned a master's degree at Penn State in 1961 and a doctorate in administrative from Heed University in Florida in 1975.

KEVIN CROWLEY

Kevin Crowley was a frontrunner in cross country and track, earning All New England honors four times and participating in four NCAA championships.

He is Westfield State's first and only men's cross country All-American, placing 23rd at the NCAA Division 3 national championships in 1978 with a time of 24:23.

That same season Crowley finished third in the prestigious Codfish Invitational and placed fourth in the New England championships. In 1977 he won the Codfish Invitational and qualified for the national championships. Crowley holds the Westfield record on the five-mile Stanley Park course with a time of 24:22.

In track, Crowley still holds the school record in the three-mile run with a national qualifying time of 14:08.9 in 1979. In addition, he was the Mass. State Conference champion and a national qualifier in the 3,000 steeplechase, setting a new conference record with a time of 9:23.6. He was unable to compete in the 1979 national championships because of an injury.

Crowley was an All New England performer in 1980, placing fifth in the steeplechase with a time of 9:16.83. He also claimed the conference championship in the 5,000 meter run, as well as placing fifth in the conference javelin throw.

In 1979, Crowley was conference champion in the steeplechase (9:30) and finished second in the 5,000 meter run (15:14).

Crowley transferred to Westfield State from Boston State, now UMass Boston, where he was All American and All New England in the steeplechase.

Crowley is a 1975 graduate of Wakefield High School, where he was a six-time Class B state champion. He was inducted into the Wakefield High School Hall of Fame in 1993.

The 1981 Westfield State alum graduated from the New Hampshire Standards and Training Academy in 1987 and held the Academy record in the 1.5 mile run. He returns frequently, by invitation of the Academy staff, to instruct several classes.

Crowley is a master-patrolman, employed 12 years by the city of Nashua, New Hampshire, police department. He was promoted to detective in 1992 and attained his current rank of master patrolman in 1993. He served three years as the weapons specialist and training officer within the training division.

He is presently assigned to the division of uniform field operations and is serving as a founding member of the Nashua police department's bomb squad, having successfully completed his national certification with the FBI in 1997.

Crowley's most recent accomplishment was to complete construction on his new home in Francestown, New Hampshire, where he resides with his wife of 12 years, Sarah; their seven-year-old son, Sean, and five-year-old daughter, Shayla.

ED MATULEWICZ

Ed Matulewicz was a team leader during the late 1960s at Westfield State, and continues to be a leader today in the teaching profession.

Matulewicz played three sports at Westfield State - soccer, basketball and tennis - and was a team captain in all three during his senior year. The 1969 graduate's leadership qualities and athletic skills did not go unnoticed as he received the President's Cup Award, the Outstanding Student-Athlete Award, and the Tennis Award during his senior year.

In tennis, "Toolie" was the No. 1 singles and doubles player during his two years with the team, and was a three-year starter in both soccer and basketball. Drawing the toughest assignment in each match, he led the tennis team to second place conference finishes in both 1967 and 1968.

In soccer, he was named all conference and All New England his junior year when he recorded six goals and six assists. The Owls were New England champions that season with a 9-5 record. During his senior season, Westfield State was the New England state co-champions with a 12-2-3 record.

Matulewicz's best sport was basketball, where his playmaking and ballhandling skills led the Owls to successful seasons. He scored 540 career points; however, no assists records were kept during this era. The Chicopee native scored 170 points his senior season and led the team in free throws, shooting 83 percent.

In 1965 Matulewicz helped to lead the Chicopee Comprehensive High School basketball team to the Western Mass. championship and a berth in the inaugural state championship game, which was staged at the Boston Garden. Chicopee Comp's leading scorer was classmate Alex Popp, a 1995 Westfield State Hall of Fame inductee.

Matulewicz has continued to play recreational sports, winning several tennis titles in his hometown of East Longmeadow. He is employed as a science teacher in the Birchland Park Middle School, and has been a great influence and friend to many students over the past 30 years. He has been selected Who's Who in teaching several times, the last year being in 1998.

Matulewicz and his wife, Marie (Cadogan), also a Westfield State ('70) graduate, have two daughters, Amy and Kate, both recent graduates of Boston College.

CHET SYMANCYK

Chet Symancyk was a four-year participant in both basketball and

baseball from 1949 to 1953.

In basketball, the Westfield native led the team with a 16.1 scoring average in 1951, the year the Owls posted a school best 15-2 record. He was a team co-captain during his senior season.

In baseball, Symancyk's career batting average was .300, with a season-best of .392 in 1952.

Symancyk was involved in many activities during his years at Westfield State; he was the president of the Men's Athletic Association during his junior and senior years and was a sports reporter for the college newspaper.

Symancyk received a master's degree from Springfield College in 1957, and an administration certificate from Queens College in 1963.

Symancyk, who resides in Endwell, N.Y., was an elementary school principal in Endicott, N.Y., for 23 years before retiring in 1991. He served on many community committees, including president of the Lions Club, and received a national PTA award. He is active in the local Polish American Community.

Symancyk and his wife Marie, a 1958 Westfield State graduate, have two daughters, Laura and Lisa, and four grandsons.

RUSSELL A. THOMPSON

Russell A. Thompson was a dominating men's basketball player at Westfield State College in the mid 1980s. The Springfield native is Westfield State's first and only basketball All-American, and is the only Westfield player to total more than 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds - milestones that he both surpassed in a 1987 game against Worcester State.

Thompson, a 6-4, 220-pound lefthander, used a combination of quickness, anticipation and leaping ability to rank as one of the nation's top NCAA Division III rebounders for three consecutive seasons. He first began making a name for himself nationally during his sophomore year when he was the second leading rebounder in the country. In his junior season, Thompson led the NCAA in rebounding, ripping down 351 rebounds in 23 games for a 15.3 per game average. Thompson had a better average his senior year (16.1 per game) when he finished second nationally.

In addition to leading the Owls as team captain and Most Valuable Player during his final two seasons, the Springfield Classical High School graduate was selected a 1987 third team All American by three organizations - Kodak, Basketball Times and the Associated Press. He was a two-time all conference selection; an All New England pick his senior year; an ECAC and Coach's All-District All-Star, and a seven-time ECAC Player of the Week.

Thompson was a consistent player, averaging 13.1 rebounds and 12.1 points per game during his four-year career. He averaged 16.4 points per game in both 1986 and 1987. During his sophomore season he averaged 13.6 rebounds and 11.4 points in leading the Owls to their first ever NCAA Tournament appearance. Thompson was named to the NCAA Region All-Tournament

team, totaling 37 rebounds and 24 points in two games, including 25 rebounds vs. Albany State.

Thompson has 1,169 career points and holds school records in five categories: career rebounds (1,194), career blocked shots (139), career field goal shooting percentage (.579), rebounds in a season (354 in 1987), and field goal shooting percentage in a game (9 for 10).

In addition to his accolades on the basketball court, Thompson was a two-year member of the Student Judicial Board, graduated with academic honors, and was a 1987 recipient of the Student Senate's Blue Key Award.

RUSSELL A. THOMPSON

(continued)

Thompson has had a successful law career since graduating from Westfield State in 1987. He was a 1990 cum laude graduate of the Western New England Law School and a member of its Law Review. From 1990-94, Thompson was employed with the United State Securities and Exchange Commission as an Enforcement Attorney. Following his employment with the SEC, Thompson helped several professional athletes with the start-up and development of several sports and entertainment related companies in the Atlanta, Ga., area.

Thompson returned to private practice in 1995 with the Prudential Insurance Company of America at its corporate headquarters in Newark, N.J., where he has received numerous performance recognition awards. He is a member of the Massachusetts and New York Bars with specialty practice concentrations in corporate, securities, insurance, and entertainment law.

Thompson resides in Montclair, N.J., with his wife and college sweetheart, Kerri (Price) Thompson, who is also a 1987 Westfield State graduate. They have three-year-old son: Austin Russell Thompson.

MARIAN (TULLY) McGEE

Marian (Tully) McGee was a star shortstop during the early years of softball at Westfield State College.

McGee played from 1975 to 1978, compiling a then school record .414 career batting average. She still holds school records for most runs scored (49), most triples (5), and most runs batted in (35). All three records were set during her stellar freshman season in 1975 when she led Westfield State to an 18-2 record and the Mass. State Conference championship. McGee batted .500 and slugged six home runs during her rookie year.

The Holyoke native was a team captain in 1978 when the Owls were crowned MAIAW champions with a record of 14-11. Westfield State posted an aggregate record of 49-28 during her four years.

McGee was actively involved in sports at Holyoke Catholic High School as a four-year participant in softball, swimming and cheerleading.

The South Hadley resident has been an elementary school teacher in Holyoke for the past 10 years. She has coached youth soccer, baseball and basketball teams.

She and her husband, Bob, a '78 graduate of Westfield, have two children, Tim, 14, and Lauren, 11.

1998 Westfield State Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees

NAME	SPORT	CLASS	HOMETOWN
F. Paul Bogan	Athletics Director/Coach		Fall River
Kevin Crowley	Cross Country/Track	1981	Wakefield
Ed Matulewicz	Basketball/Soccer/Tennis	1969	Chicopee
Chet Symancyk	Baseball/Basketball	1953	Westfield
Russell Thompson	Basketball	1987	Springfield
Marian (Tully) McGee	Softball	1978	Holyoke

Football Team

Nips WNEC, 27-25

SEPT. 28, 1998

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State football team withstood a late comeback by Western New England College to post a thrilling 27-25 victory Sept 19.

It was the season opener for WNEC while the Owls evened their record at 1-1 heading into last Saturday's home game vs. Fitchburg State. The Westfield-WNEC series resumed after a seven-year hiatus; WNEC won in 1991 by a 13-12 score.

Saturday's game was also close and hard fought. WNEC trailed 27-19 when it scored a touchdown with 6:23 left in the game on a 23-yard pass from Steve Convel to Jim McDonough. The two-point conversion attempt failed, however, and the Owls clung to a two-point lead.

WNEC got the ball back with 5:16 remaining, however, on an interception that was returned to the Westfield 26. The Golden Bears moved the sticks for a first down from the five-yard line, but they were unable to score. Three running attempts placed the ball at the one-yard line, then Kevin Eknanian's game-winning 19-yard field goal attempt from the right hashmark never got off the ground. Westfield ran off the final 1:24 to claim the coveted President's Cup trophy.

It was a game of big plays. Westfield's Jason Votzakias of Agawam rushed for 224 yards on

35 attempts, both career highs. On the first play of the second half he broke loose for a 67-yard scoring jaunt to give the Owls a 20-13 lead.

"I was exhausted after the first quarter," Votzakias joked. "I know I am going to get the ball a lot, but I've never rushed 35 times before, not even in high school. The offensive line was terrific."

Senior wide receiver Rick Cincotta also had a big day with three receptions - all for touchdowns covering 113 total yards. He snagged a 25-yard pass from junior quarterback Dean DiGregorio to tie the score, 7-7, early in the second quarter. With five seconds left in the first half, Cincotta hauled in a six-yard TD pass to give the Owls a 14-13 halftime edge.

The most exciting play of the game came on the first play of the four quarter. The Owls faked a double reverse on a third-and-long situation and DiGregorio found Cincotta wide open over the middle for an 82-yard touchdown play.

Standout running back Andy Kaneris led WNEC with 200 yards rushing on 24 carries, including three touchdowns covering 56, 4 and 61 yards.

The team statistics were fairly even - 16 first downs and 387 total offense yards for Westfield, and 14 and 354, respectively, for WNEC - but the Owls only had two turnovers to WNEC's four.



Westfield State College President Frederick Woodward is presented the game ball and the coveted President's Trophy from captains Mike Daly, left, and Dave DeLancey following the Owls' thrilling 27-25 victory over local rival Western New England College. *Mickey Curtis Photo*



Sept. 28, 1998

Smith Cup Trophies Presented To President Woodward

Westfield State College President Frederick Woodward, left, and athletics director Ken Magarian flank the Smith Cup Trophy that will be showcased throughout the campus during the next few months. The Westfield State varsity athletics program captured the coveted Cup for the first time in 20 years during the 1997-98 academic year. The Smith Cup signifies excellence in the eight-team Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference, and is awarded to the MASCAC institution that compiles the most points based on the placement of its programs competing in the 14 league championships. In the bottom photo, sophomore Phanessa Fisher presents President Woodward the softball she slugged for the dramatic game-winning home run on the final day of the season that clinched the Smith Cup for the Owls. Fisher is also a goalie on the field hockey team. *Photos By Mickey Curtis*



Fall Sports Roundup

Sept. 28, 1998

Women's Soccer Extends Record

The Westfield State women's soccer team remained unbeaten with a 2-0-2 record as it edged Eastern Connecticut, 2-1.

The Owls now have gone 13 straight games over the past two seasons without a loss, extending their school record.

Scoring the game-winning goal with 38:18 remaining in the second half was sophomore Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield, who blasted a shot from 25 yards just underneath the top pipe and out of the reach of senior standout goalie Kim Bridge of Enfield.

Westfield took a 1-0 lead four minutes into the game on a goal from sophomore Erin Reardon of Southampton (Hampshire Regional). Standout junior Holly Maines of Saugerties, NY, assisted on both goals.

"This was a really good win for us," said coach Donna Coombs. "It was a well played game and that was a good goalie we beat tonight."

Men's Soccer 3 - Albertus 1

The Westfield men's soccer team won its third straight game by defeating Albertus Magnus, 3-1.

Westfield led 2-0 at halftime on goals by sophomore Chris Machado and freshman midfielder Hugo Destapado of Chicopee. The scrappy Albertus team, 1-5 overall, scored with three minutes left in the game to make it, 2-1.

Westfield added a third tally with 22 seconds remaining when sophomore standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham celebrated his 21st birthday with an unassisted breakaway goal.

Men's Soccer 3 - WNEC 0

The Westfield State men's soc-

cer team improved to 2-2 with its second straight shutout victory, a 3-0 decision over local rival WNEC.

Sophomore Andrew Lewis scored off a rebound four minutes into the game. Freshman Tim Cranson of Montgomery (Gateway Regional) scored his first collegiate goal with nine minutes left in the first half. Tim Whitney scored in the second half for his third goal in the past two games.

Volleyball Sweeps Mass Mari.

The Westfield State women's volleyball team improved to 6-2 with a 15-3, 15-1, 15-2 triumph over visiting Mass Maritime Academy Thursday night.

The Owls are idle until next Tuesday when they play at Mass. College of Liberal Arts.

"That was the best we played all season," said coach Jesse Adams. "The girls were focused and played with a great deal of enthusiasm."

Volleyball Sweeps Becker

LEICESTER - The Westfield State women's volleyball team improved to 5-2 by sweeping Becker College, 15-4, 15-5, 15-12.

Volleyball Takes Two

SALEM - The Westfield State women's volleyball team improved to 4-2 by defeating a pair of conference foes Sept. 19.

The Owls defeated Fitchburg in three sets: 15-10, 15-6, 15-6. Westfield came from behind to outlast the host team Salem in five sets: 15-9, 10-15, 8-15, 15-3, 15-6.

Cross Country Results

NORTHDARTMOUTH - The Westfield State men's cross country team placed eighth in the 15-

team UMass Dartmouth Invitational.

The Owls totaled 168 points. Coast Guard won the meet with 38 points followed by Springfield (73).

Kevin LaCoste was Westfield's top runner, placing 31st with a time of 27:37 over the five-mile course. He was followed by Adam Roche (33rd, 27:40), Rick Krupa (44th, 28:07), and Tim Trull (47th, 28:14).

In the 24-team women's meet, Westfield finished 10th with 252 points. Southern Connecticut easily won the meet with 57 points.

Melissa Merrow finished 22nd for Westfield in 19:36. Placing 44th was Diana Cares in 20:18.

Lahue Leads Field Hockey To Victories With 4 Goals

9/28/98

Senior captain Lori Lahue of Westford scored two goals for the second straight game to lead the Westfield State field hockey team to a 3-1 victory over Wesleyan University Thursday night.

The Owls improved to 4-3 heading into their conference opener this past Saturday vs. Worcester State. The home match begins at 10 a.m. Wesleyan dropped to 1-3.

Wesleyan scored eight minutes into the game, then Lahue tied the score with an unassisted goal with 8:19 left in the first half. Thirty-six seconds later, junior Leah Manseau, also a graduate of Westford Academy, scored the game-winning goal off an assist from sophomore Keryn Bohane.

Lahue added an insurance tally nine minutes into the second half, with senior captain Andrea Fargen getting the assist.

Field Hockey 4 - Elms 0

The Westfield State field hockey team evened its record at 3-3 with a 4-0 home victory over Elms.

Senior captain Lori Lahue tallied Westfield's first two goals; she also tallied an assist on the fourth goal. Also scoring were sophomores Keryn Bohane and Molly Philbrick. Junior Erica Pratt had two assists.

WPI 3 - Field Hockey 1

The Westfield State field hockey team suffered a 3-1 loss at home Sept. 19.

Sophomore Keryn Bohane scored for the Owls.

September Sports Schedules

FOOTBALL

Day	Opponent	Time
	October	
Sat	3 at Framingham	1:00

MEN'S SOCCER

Day	Opponent	Time
	September	
Wed.	30 at UMass Boston	3:30
	October	
Sat.	3 at Worcester State	2:00

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Day	Opponent	TIME
	September	
Mon.	28 at Keene State	6:00
	October	
Sat.	3 WORCESTER STATE	12:00

CROSS COUNTRY

Oct. 3 Babson Invitational

FIELD HOCKEY

Day	Opponent	Time
	September	
Wed.	30 KEENE STATE	7:00
	October	
Sat.	3 BRIDGEWATER	3:00

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Day	Opponent	Time
	September	
Tue.	29 at Mass. College	7:00
	October	
Thu.	1 EMMANUEL	7:00
Sat.	3 Amherst Invitational	10:00



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Grand Marshall Theodore Davidovich, a professor in the music department, leads the procession during President Woodward's inauguration on Sept. 25. Members of Westfield State's varsity athletic teams lined the sidewalk to greet the faculty, staff and dignitaries who marched in the procession from Ely to Dever Auditorium. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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College President Frederick Woodward is given a round of applause by members of Westfield State's varsity athletic teams during his inauguration held Sept. 25. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Women's Soccer Streak Snapped

KEENE, N.H. - The Westfield State women's soccer team's school-record unbeaten streak ended Monday as it was blanked by Keene State, 1-0.

The Owls had gone 13 consecutive games without losing over the past two seasons. They are now 2-1-2 this season. Keene State's record is 6-2.

Keene State's Caitlin Haggerty scored the lone goal 34:21 into the game. Westfield's best scoring opportunity came midway through the first half when sophomore Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield blasted a shot from 14 yards that hit the crossbar.

Westfield, which was outshot, 10-5, never threatened after that and only had one shot at the net in the second half.

Men's Soccer^{10/5/98} Wins 5th Straight

BOSTON -- Sophomore Tim Whitney scored a pair of second-half goals as Westfield State overcome a 2-1 halftime deficit to take a 3-2 victory over U-Mass Boston in men's soccer action Wednesday.

It was the fifth straight victory for the Owls, who were 5-2 heading into their Mass. State Conference opener this past Saturday at Worcester State.

The Beacons, 4-3-1, took a 1-0 lead 17 minutes into the game on a goal by Dan Moriarty. The Owls answered in the 25th minute when Ben Fleury's throw in crept through a crowd to Chris Machado, who one-timed it past Beacon sophomore goalkeeper Ken Susi, who played his freshman season at Westfield State.

Mike Cimen gave the Beacons a 2-1 lead when his direct kick found the back of the net in the 31st minute.

The Owls changed goalkeepers at halftime and outshot the Beacons 12-2 in the second period. Whitney tied the score with an unassisted goal in the 65th minute.

The game-winner came when the Owls were awarded a penalty kick after the Beacons were whistled for a handball inside the penalty area. Whitney calmly drilled the kick to the left side to put Westfield State on top in the 85th minute.

The Beacons pushed forward in the final minute and gained a corner kick, but defender Danny Manning headed away two would-be chances in the last 20 seconds to seal the victory.

D.J. Conway, a freshman from Springfield, was credited with the win in goal for the Owls. Westfield outshot the Beacons, 20-5.

Men's Soccer 3 - Rivier 0

NASHUA, N.H. - The Westfield State men's soccer team won its fourth straight game by blanking Rivier College, 3-0, Sept. 26.

Sophomore Andrew Lewis scored twice, including the game-winner at the 21:18 mark. Tim Whitney scored on a penalty kick at the 75:30 mark, then Lewis added his second goal with five minutes left. Westfield outshot Rivier, 19-12.

Cross Country Teams Finishes 10th At Invite

BOSTON - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both finished 10th in the prestigious Codfish Bowl Invitational held Saturday, Sept. 26.

MIT won the men's race with 55 points. Amherst's Rob Mitchell was the individual winner with a time of 25:03 over the five-mile layout. Westfield's top finisher was Kevin LaCoste (36th, 26:58), followed by Adam Roche (47th, 27:12), Rick Krupa (73rd, 27:42),

and Brian Church (81st, 27:54).

Amherst easily won the women's meet with 48 points, led by individual winner Katie Scargos' time of 18:37 over the 3.1 mile layout.

Melissa Merrow finished 25th in 20:14, followed by Diana Cares (51st, 20:47), Alison Carnie (84th, 21:38), Lisa Roy (85th, 21:40), Sara Sechovicz (89th, 21:45), Starr Dziengelewski (92nd, 21:48), and Lisa Marie Walsh (94th, 21:49).

Field Hockey Drops Opener In MASCAC

10/5/98

The Westfield State field hockey team suffered a tough setback to Worcester State, 2-1, in its Mass. State Conference opener Sept. 26.

Worcester, 4-2 overall, scored an uncontested goal 10 minutes into the game when Westfield's goalie mistakenly thought a shot attempt had been taken beyond the arc.

The Owls tied the score off a penalty corner nine minutes later when junior Kara Jagodzinski deflected Lori Lahue's shot into the net.

Worcester scored the game-winning goal with 5:41 left in regulation. Westfield had the edge in shot attempts and penalty corner (7-1).

Keene State 1 - Field Hockey 0
The Westfield State field hockey team was blanked by Keene State, 1-0, Wednesday night.

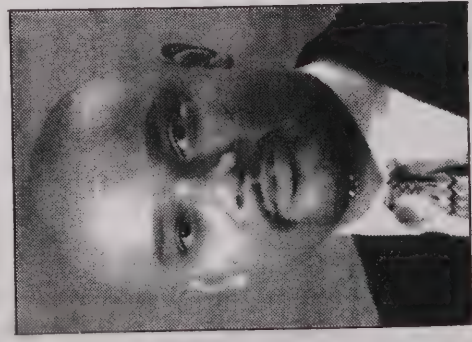
Keene State scored in the first half on a beautifully executed penalty corner. Westfield outshot Keene, 4-3, in the defensive game.

Keene improved to 6-3, while Westfield's record dropped to 4-5.

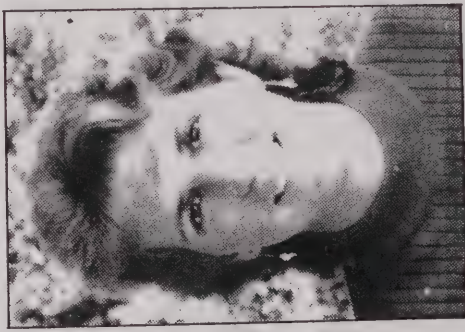
Tickets On Sale For Athletics Hall of Fame Inductions Dinner

Six former Westfield State greats will be inducted into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame during Alumni Weekend on Friday, Oct. 16.

The Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 1998 includes: the late F. Paul Bogan (athletics director/coach, 1963-95); Kevin Crowley (cross country/track, '81); Ed Matulewicz (basketball/soccer/tennis, '69); Chet Symaneyk (baseball/basketball, '53); Russell Th-



Russell Thompson



Marian (Tully) McGee

Football Team Blanks Fitchburg

10/5/98

The Westfield State College football team struck quickly at the start of both halves to defeat Fitchburg State, 21-0, Saturday, Sept. 26.

It was the New England Football Conference divisional opener for the Owls, who are 2-1 overall. Fitchburg is 1-2. Westfield scored on the first play from scrimmage when quarterback Dean DiGregorio kept the ball after missing a handoff to running back Jason Votzak and raced 65 yards down the right side-lines for a touchdown.

The Owls scored even sooner at the outset of the second half when Frank DeLuca recovered a Fitchburg fumble on the kickoff and returned it 12 yards for a 14-0 lead. The Owls finally put together a sustained drive in the fourth quarter when they marched 78 yards in 10 plays, with Votzak scoring from 16 yards.

The Westfield defense played much better than its previous two games, as it held Fitchburg to 27 net yards rushing on 37 attempts.

Standout running back D'Andrea Freeman was limited to 41 net yards on 28 attempts.

Fitchburg quarterback Brian McCarthy did complete 19 of 39 passes for 205 yards, but the Owls defense came up with stellar goal line stands at the end of both halves. Senior defensive end Bob Bjorkgren, who was questionable for the game with a foot injury, recorded six tackles, including four for losses; three were quarterback sacks totaling 28 yards in losses.

Westfield struggled offensively, as it only completed 2 of 12 passes for 17 yards and had just four first downs early in the fourth quarter. The Owls ended with 11 first downs and rushed for 233 yards on 43 attempts.

Votzakis, the junior workhorse from Agawam, carried the ball 29 times for 137 yards. Freshman half-back Shawn Lyman of West Springfield filled in for Votzakis on several series and finished with 40 rushing yards on nine carries.

Women's Volleyball Squad Set For Second Season

10/5/98

By Tony Staffiere
SID Student Assistant

Last season Westfield State brought back women's volleyball as a varsity sport and head coach Jesse Adams had a new team.

One year later, it may seem like *deja vu* for the second year boss who has compiled a 22-13 in his reign at Westfield State.

Coach Adams will put his trust in a young, but deeply talented squad, as the Owls head into the final half of conference play.

"We have many more opportunities, it was a great recruiting year," said Adams. "We have height, depth and we will be a team of the future."

The 1998 version of the Westfield State netters will feature

eight players donning the Owl uniform for the first time. Headlining a talented corps of first-year players is Sarah Cormier of Lowell. The setter has 175 assists in 33 matches.

Enfield, Conn., native Kate Simlick lends Westfield State a helping hand with her 43 kills. Senior captain Melissa Pervier of Millers Falls has provided Coach Adams with needed floor leadership despite being a rookie herself.

Jamie Peters (Mattapoisett), Melissa Card (transfer from Salem State College), Casey Golus (Billerica), Katie Martin (Enfield, Conn.), and Kristen Johnson (Hampton Falls, N.H.) all factor into Adams' game plan in their first season at Westfield State.

The Owls have started the 1998 campaign 8-2, winners of seven matches in a row. Five of those victories were 3-0 white washings. The team has also started 5-0 against their Mass. State Conference foes.

Anchoring the ship for the Owls is the tri-captain trio of juniors Katelyn Butler and Vanessa Rae, and Pervier. Butler, who was named MASCAC player of the week for the week of Sep. 14, is averaging 2.7 kills per game and currently leads the team with 91.

Rae, who received honorable mention in the MASCAC last week, is currently ranked seventh in the country in service aces with a per-match average of 1.04.

Pervier has handed out 19 assists in 74 attempts.

"Their maturity and actions are helping define the team and push forward the tradition," Adams said of his three captains.

As a team, Westfield state ranks second in the nation with a 4.00 service ace average, behind Marywood College (4.07) of Scranton, Pa.

This season's group of players seem to have chemistry. They want to be there for each other when the match is close. While the Owls are there for each other on the floor, off the floor they are even closer. Team cookouts and frequent weekend gatherings have produced a bond that will tie these players for the rest of their collegiate careers.

"We often get together and have team suppers and watch movies," said Pervier. "We try to do anything off the court that will help us become better friends."

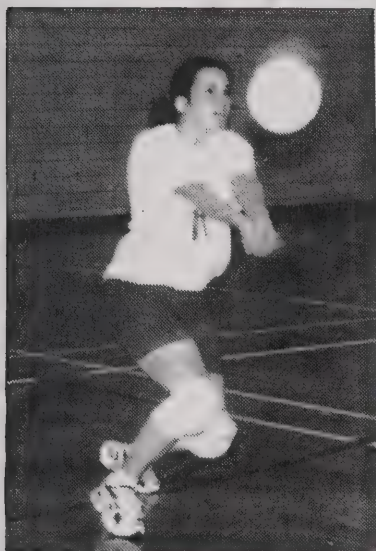
Noticeably absent from the Westfield State lineup is the team's most valuable player from last season Stephanie Driscoll. Driscoll recently transferred to an art school in California to pursue a degree in the field of fashion design.

"Losing Steph hurts, but it was the best decision for her," said Adams. "It's kind of like losing a senior, she's moved on and now we have to move on."

Bridgewater State looks to be a big roadblock in the way of the Owls' journey toward a postseason. The team hopes to avenge last season's 3-1 loss as the two teams hook up in a possible Oct. 31 showdown at Bridgewater in the conference tournament.

As the regular season lends itself to the second season, the Owls feel that mental toughness will be the key to locking up a post season bid.

"We can't let teams get to us," Butler said. "We can't split apart at crucial times, we must come together."



Senior Vanessa Rae

Cheering Squad Rated Highly

10/5/98

DALLAS, TEXAS - The Westfield State College cheerleaders were named as one of the Top 1,000 cheerleading programs in America by the National Cheerleaders Association. Out of 75,000 cheering programs, NCA is recognizing Westfield State not only for its outstanding athletic skill, but also for its commitment to the core principles of leadership, values and teamwork.

Andy McNeill, senior vice president for NCA, says about the top 1,000 Cheer Programs in the nation, "We are privileged to be

able to recognize teams for such outstanding achievement. It is our goal to honor teams who are the most well rounded programs in the nation."

NCA currently administers 1,300 summer camps worldwide, as well as the largest championship system in the country with over 120 regional events and 11 national championships.

"We're very proud to receive this honor and to be rated as highly as some of the major colleges in the country," said Westfield State cheering coach Lisa Moskow.

Volleyball Runs Streak To 7 Straight

The Westfield State women's volleyball team won its seventh straight match with a 3-1 victory over Emmanuel College last Thursday at the Owl Dome.

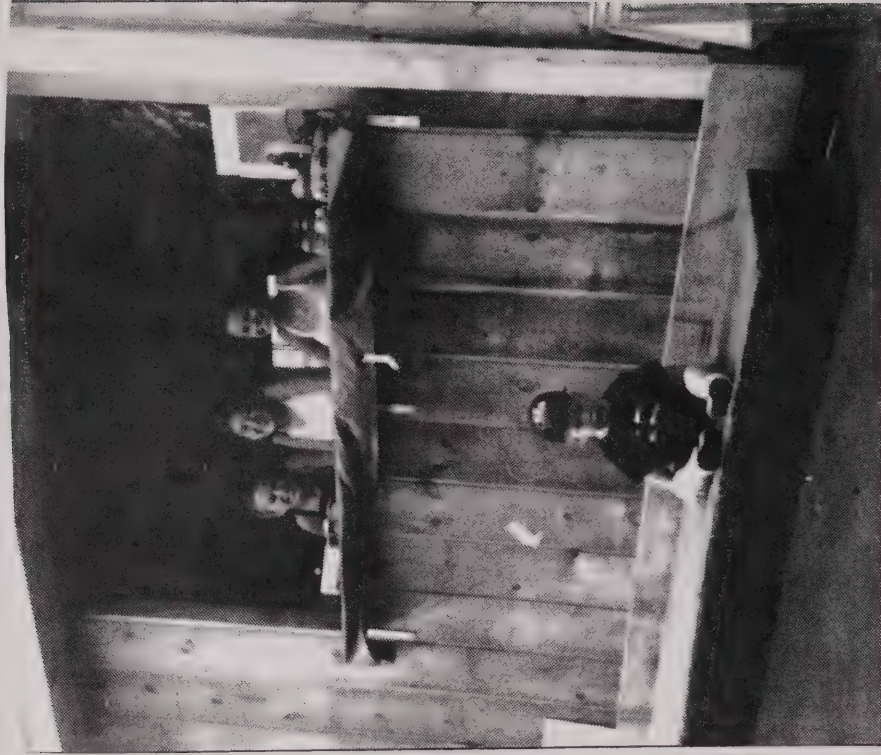
The set scores were 15-6, 12-15, 15-2, 15-13. Westfield led the final set 9-0, then survived a comeback that saw the visitors lead, 13-11.

Westfield was led offensively by Katelynn Butler who finished with 16 kills and four blocks. Defensively, Melissa Card led the way with five aces and 22 digs.

Volleyball Sweeps MCLA

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State women's volleyball team improved to 7-2 with an easy victory over Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

The set scores were 15-0, 15-1, 15-4. Card led the Owls with 11 aces and 13 digs.



Members of the Westfield State College women's cross country performed a community service project by working at the newly constructed concession stand at Stanley Park. Posing for a photo with one of their customers are, left to right: Tracey Borucki, Shannan Chalmers, and Lori Starsiak. Ken Magarian Photo



The Westfield State College football team served as hosts to three Westfield Youth Football teams that played games vs. Wilbraham teams on the AstroTurf Sunday, Sept. 27. Meeting with some of the youth players are Westfield State freshmen Shawn Lyman (24) and David Eaton (87).

Women's Soccer

Responds To Meeting

CAMBRIDGE-The Westfield State women's soccer team recorded its second straight shutout by blanking MIT, 2-0, Wednesday.

The Owls were 4-2-2 overall heading into their two big conference games this past weekend: Saturday at Salem State and Columbus Day at home vs. Framingham.

Westfield State had been 2-2 following a pair of tough 1-0 setbacks to Keene State and Worcester State two weeks ago. A team meeting ensued, and the players have responded to what veteran coach Donna Coombs told them.

"We were 15-4 last year, the best record in school history, and the players were pressuring themselves to match that record," said Coombs. "We had a team meeting before the Anna Maria game and I told the players they didn't have to play in the shadow of last year's team. Just as long as this team achieves up to its potential, then I'm happy. They don't have to feel they have to exceed last year's record."

Defensively, the Owls have been spectacular, holding the opposition to only five goals in the first eight games. Offensively, Westfield is still looking for more scoring punch.

The Owls have scored 11 goals in the first eight games. Sophomore Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield, last season's conference Rookie of the Year, leads the team with four goals. Standout junior Holly Maines, the conference's two-time MVP, has two goals and five assists. Scoring two goals apiece are sophomore Erin Reardon and freshman

man Caitlin Beilke. 10/12/98

"I'm confident the scoring will come around," said Coombs. "Don't forget we lost Sandy Pinto (the school's all-time leading scorer) to graduation and she was a major scoring threat."

Beilke scored the game-winning goal vs. MIT 22 minutes into the contest with an assist from Amy Green. DiCarlo and Maines teamed up once again, scoring an insurance goal with 20 minutes left in the game.

Sophomore Jill Eastley recorded three saves to post her third shutout this season. She has a 0.58 goals against average.

"If we continue to play up to our potential and keep improving we'll be all right," said Coombs. "Despite losing our conference opener we are still in contention for the conference championship. No team is going to go through the conference schedule undefeated like we did last year. The conference is much more balanced and competitive this season."

Westfield 2 - Anna Maria 0

The women's soccer team bounced back from two consecutive 1-0 losses to shut out Anna Maria, 2-0, last Monday.

The Owls improved to 3-2-2 while avenging one of their four losses last season. Anna Maria moved to 6-3-1.

Sophomore Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield scored nine minutes into the game, taking a nice feed from Holly Maines off a free kick. Maines scored a deflected goal with six minutes left in the first half.



Sophomore Krista DiCarlo (white uniform) is the women's soccer team's leading scorer this season. The West Springfield native was the 1997 Mass. State Conference Rookie of the Year. M. Curtis File Photo

Football Team Loses Thriller

10/12/98

BUZZARDS BAY - Sophomore Justin Cullinan's school-record 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to begin the second half sparked Mass Maritime Academy to an exciting 21-20 Homecoming football victory over Westfield.

Mass Maritime, which held off a furious second-half rally by the Owls, is now 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Red Division of the New England Football Conference. Westfield is 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the division. The game has turned into one of the top rivalries in the NEFC as the last three contests between the schools have been decided by four points.

Cullinan's scoring return gave the Bucs what appeared to be an insurmountable 21-0 lead. But the return seemed to spark Westfield State, which was held to a paltry four first downs and 80 total offensive yards in the first half.

Leading Westfield's comeback was junior quarterback Dean DiGregorio of Melrose, who completed 20 of 41 passes - both school records - for 216 yards. In the second half, he was 16 for 27 with three touchdown passes. DiGregorio only threw one interception, but it occurred in the Mass Maritime end zone with 23 seconds left in the game, as Westfield's comeback fell just short.

DiGregorio's threw a three-yard scoring toss to tight end :

Worcester Stuns Owls

AUBURN - The Westfield State men's soccer team was upset by Worcester State, 3-2, in its conference opener played at Auburn High School, Oct. 3.

The Owls are 5-3 and had their five-game winning streak snapped. Worcester is 4-4 with four straight victories..

Worcester led 2-0 at halftime and took a 3-0 lead early in the second half on a 60 yard free kick. Westfield battled back to make it 3-2 with 18 minutes left in the game following goals by Tim Whitney and freshman Tim Cranson of Gateway Regional.

John Frasco to make the score 21-6 with 5:27 left in the third quarter. Pete Starvaggi's point after kick hit the left upright and was no good.

Two minutes later, Starvaggi made an outstanding 30-yard touchdown reception on a fourth-down play. DiGregorio completed a two-point conversion pass to Jason Votzak to make the score 21-14.

The Owls capped a seven-play, 61-yard scoring drive when DiGregorio found wide receiver Rick Cincotta for a 15-yard touchdown pass-run play with 4:05 left in the game. Starvaggi's conversion kick, however, was just wide right as the Owls trailed by a point, 21-20.

"Even though we missed that extra point I still thought we were going to win," said Westfield State head coach Steve Marino.

The Westfield did its job, forcing Mass Maritime to punt, and the Owls offense marched 44 yards to the Buc 20-yard line. From there, DiGregorio threw four incomplete passes in the final minute, includ-

ing a game-saving interception in the end zone by the Bucs' Rich Ennis.

Good field position via punt returns by Cullinan led to Mass Maritime's first two scores. A four-yard touchdown run by fullback Rob Ferland capped a four-play 38-yard drive, giving the Bucs a 7-0 second-quarter lead. Quarterback Joe O'Malley scored from the 1-yard line on fourth down, capping an 11-play, 55-yard drive that gave the Bucs a 14-0 lead with 1:47 left in the first half.

Leading the Owls defensively was linebacker Brett Poirier, posted 15 tackles (9 solos) and one interception. Tackle Jay Cael had eight tackles, including a big sack late in the game. Strong safety T.J. Raeke had a fumble recovery, a quarterback sack, and five tackles. Registering nine tackles apiece were end Bob Bjorkgren and linebacker Jamie Wallwork.

Offensively, Frank DeLuca and Cincotta both had six receptions.

Volleyball Improves To 11-3

PAXTON - The Westfield State College women's volleyball team improved to 11-3 by outlasting Anna Maria College, 3-1, Tuesday.

Westfield won the opener 15-6, but the AmCats came back to win the second game 6-15, and they led the third game, 14-7. Westfield fought back to win the game, 16-14, then took the match with a 15-11 decision in the fourth game.

Katie Simlick, a freshman from Enfield, Conn., posted 11 kills and eight digs. Junior Vanessa Rea had 8 kills and 21 digs and Melissa Card posted three aces and 28 digs. **Volleyball Places Second**

AMHERST - The Westfield State women's volleyball team finished second in the four-team Amherst Invitational Saturday.

The Owls, 10-3, won their first two matches to set a school record for consecutive matches won with nine. They defeated Connecticut College 15-6, 15-3, 15-5, and Coast Guard 15-7, 15-8, 15-13.

Westfield lost to Amherst in the finals 4-15, 3-15, 2-15.

Tournament standouts for Westfield were Kate Simlick (17 kills, 5 blocks, 27 digs), Katelyn Butler (21 kills, 11 blocks), and Sarah Cormier (55 assists, 5 aces).

Field Hockey Blanks Bridgewater

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State field hockey team blanked Bridgewater, 1-0 Saturday at home. The Owls are 5-5 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

Freshman Nikki Girolamo scored the game-winning goal in the first half.

Bentley 5 - Field Hockey 0

WALTHAM - Junior Carolyn Cahill broke the career shutout

record, senior Lia Pezzola did the same to the assist record, and junior Jen Bunce had her second hat trick of the season as Bentley College rolled over Westfield State, 5-0, in non-conference field hockey action last Wednesday.

The victory, Bentley's sixth straight and 24th consecutive at home, boosted the Division II Falcons to 9-3. Westfield is to 5-6.

Cross Country Teams Peak For Championships

10/12/98

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams are peaking for some major championships that will be held in the next few weeks.

After hosting the James Earley Invitational this Saturday (see related story), the Westfield State squads will compete in the Mass. State Conference Championships at Fitchburg State Oct. 24. Westfield will then come back to their familiar Stanley Park setting to host the New England Alliance Championships on Oct. 31. The Alliance consists of teams from two state college conferences: the MASCAC and the Little East (Eastern Connecticut, Southern Maine, Rhode Island College, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Boston).

The Westfield women are favored to win their third consecutive MASCAC crown, while the men are looking to regain the title. The Westfield men have dominated the MASCAC competition throughout the years, claiming an astounding 13 of the past 15 championships, but they finished a disappointing third in 1997.

Head coach Bob Rausch believes his men's team is in much better shape to challenge for the championship this season.

"We're much deeper this year," said Rausch. "Salem State will be

the team we'll have to beat and Salem has one really good runner. Depth is going to be a key. We may not have the best runner but we are going to try to get our group in faster."

Senior Kevin LaCoste of Athol is leading the pack this season for the Owls. Looking real good as the No. 2 man is freshman Adam Roche. Rick Krupa, a nontraditional student from Westfield, is competing in his first season of cross country at Westfield State, as his sophomore Brian Church.

Two other newcomers who make the Owls a threat to reclaim their crown are Eric Nygard, a transfer from Worcester State, and freshman Nick Burke. Tim Trull rounds out the top seven.

The Westfield women have plenty of depth and familiar faces to get the job done again this year. Juniors Diana Cares, Melissa Merrow, Alison Carnie, and Lisa Rousey were all key performers as freshmen and sophomores.

Merrow has been leading the pack this season, but look for Cares, always a slow starter, to finish the season strong. Cares placed first in the conference championships in both her freshman and sophomore seasons.

"Melissa could be tough to beat this year, though," said Rausch. "She has looked really strong so

far. It should be an exciting competition between the two (Merrow and Cares)."

Rausch is receiving good "pack running" from Carnie, senior Lisamarie Walsh, Starr Dziengelewski and Roy, who are all running in the 21-minute range. Other top runners are freshmen Sara Sechovetz and Gina Marie Baker, who is the eighth or ninth runner right now but may move up, according to Rausch.

**Varsity Athletics
Pep Rally
Will Be Nov. 2**

Junior Melissa Merrow has been the No. 1 runner for the Westfield State women's cross country team thus far this season. This past weekend the men's and women's cross country teams competed at an invitational at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., which is the site of the 1998 NCAA Division 3 national championships. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*



James Earley Invite This Saturday

The Third Annual James Earley Cross Country Invitational will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, at Stanley Park in Westfield.

The invitational, which is being held during Westfield State College's Alumni Weekend this year, consists of three races: a collegiate women's race at 11 a.m.; a men's collegiate race at noon, and an open race at 1:00 p.m.

The college races are expected to attract more than 400 runners to the beautiful and challenging

Stanley Park course. Seventeen men's and 16 women's teams from five states (Mass., New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont) have entered the invitational.

The open race, which is five kilometers (3.1 miles), is being sponsored by the Westfield State cross country teams and is open to all area running and walking enthusiasts.

Donations are accepted as an entry fee into the open race, with the proceeds going to the James Earley Scholarship Fund at Wahconah High School in Dalton. The invitational and fundraiser is in honor of James Earley, a cross-country and track athlete at Westfield State who died in a motorcycle accident a week before he was to begin his senior year in college. Earley lived in Becket and graduated from Wahconah High School.

For more information on entering the open race/walk, contact Westfield State cross country coach Bob Rausch at 572-5392.

Tardif Paces Maine Maritime Past Football Squad, 26-13

WESTFIELD - Junior running back Steve Tardif of Biddeford, Me., rushed for 270 yards on 40 carries and scored two touchdowns to power Maine Maritime Academy to a 26-13 New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State.

Maine Maritime improved to 2-1 in the Red Division of the NEFC and 2-4 overall with its second straight victory. Westfield dropped to 2-2 in the division and 3-3 overall.

Tardif, an elusive and powerful 5-7, 185 pounder, scored on a two-yard run in the second quarter to cap a 12-play, 67-yard drive that gave the Mariners a 13-0 lead. He slashed his way for a 23-yard touchdown run with 4:53 left in the game

for a commanding 26-7 Mariner lead.

Tardif holds the NEFC single-game record, rushing for 352 yards in his freshman season in a 21-20 loss to Westfield State.

Maine's first score came four minutes into the game on a bootleg keeper by quarterback Chris Pelletier.

Westfield made the score 13-7 late in the first half when quarterback Chris Bourget found receiver Rick Cincotta over the middle for 56-yard touchdown on a perfect play action.

Bourget, a sophomore from Woonsocket, R.I., completed 14 of 31 passes for 210 yards and two touchdowns in his first collegiate start. He replaced Dean

DiGregorio, who was sidelined with an ankle injury.

Cincotta, a senior from Marlboro, had eight receptions for 143 yards.

Westfield was held to only 63 yards rushing on 35 carries. Maine Maritime was 4 of 13 passing, including just four attempts (three incompletions and an interception) in the second half.

**Westfield State's
Football Game vs.
Maine Maritime
Will Be Televised
On Channel 18
Wednesday, Oct. 28
@ 6:00 p.m.**



Sophomore Jill Eastey instructs future goalies during a recent Youth Clinic sponsored by the Westfield State women's soccer team. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Sports

Cross Country Runs Well At Earley Invitational

The Westfield State men's cross country team finished second in the 13-team James Earley Invitational held Saturday at Stanley Park.

Coast Guard ran away with the meet, scoring 33 points. Westfield totaled 80 points followed by Hartwick (91).

Kevin LaCoste was Westfield's top finisher, placing fifth in 26:28 over the five-mile layout. He was followed by Adam Roche (10th, 27:02), Rick Krupa (13th, 27:14), and Brian Church (18th, 27:42). Coast Guard's Marc Akus won the

race in 25:44.

In the 14-team women's race, Westfield finished fourth with 83 points, trailing Wheaton (47), Hartwick (66) and Coast Guard (71).

Junior Melissa Merrow placed ninth for Westfield with a time of 19:43 over the 3.1 mile layout. She was followed by Diana Cares (13th, 19:55), Lisa Roy (17th, 20:06), Alison Carnie (20th, 20:11), and Starr Dziengelewski (24th, 20:15).

Vassar's Clodagh Rafferty easily won the race in 18:33.

Volleyball Ties Record

The Westfield State women's volleyball team swept Albertus Magnus 15-3, 16-14, 15-10 Tuesday night. The Owls tied a school record for most victories in a season; they are now 14-9.

Missy Newton played well for Westfield, serving six aces and dug nine attacks. Katelyn Butler had 10 kills, hitting .318 for the match.

Women's Volleyball

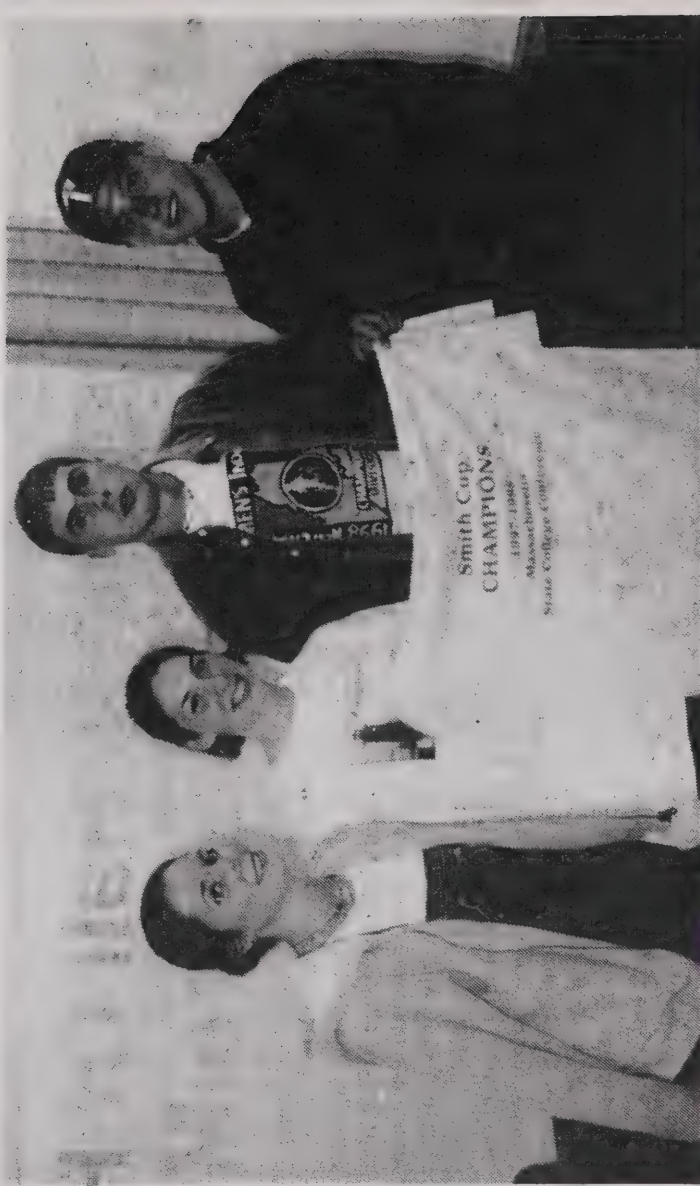
SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield

State women's volleyball team finished fifth in the six-team Springfield College Invitational.

The Owls defeated Dickinson College of Carlisle, Pa., in five sets: 11-15, 15-13, 15-11, 14-16, 15-13.

Westfield lost to Gordon College 8-15, 16-14, 11-15, 6-15, and invitational champion New York University 0-15, 2-15, 3-15.

The Owls' Melissa Card made the all-tournament team.



The newly elected officers of the Westfield State College Student-Athlete Advisory Board display one of the t-shirts that will be given to all varsity student-athletes in recognition of the Owls' 1998 Smith Cup Championship. The t-shirts will be distributed following the Campus Pep Rally on Monday, Nov. 2. From left to right are: Andrea Fargen, co-chairperson; Lisa Roy, co-vice chair; Matt Dowallby, co-chair; and Andrew Haney, co-vice chair. Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Soccer, Field Hockey Roundup:

Women's Soccer 3 - Elms 2

CHICOPEE - The Westfield State women's soccer team edged local rival Elms College, 3-2, in a hard-fought game Thursday.

Westfield improved to 6-4-3 overall.

The first four goals were registered in the final 17 minutes of the first half as the intermission score was 2-2. Senior Kristen Gauthier gave the Owls a 1-0 lead when she collected a free kick from the sidelines and booted the ball past the outstretched goalie.

Freshman Lisa D'Amato scored with five minutes left in the first half to give Westfield a 2-1 lead; however, Elms again tied the score at the 2:57 mark.

Freshman Joy Flaherty of Bridgewater scored the game-winning goal for the Owls 1:38 into the second half after the Elms goalie dropped a free kick by Kelly Furlong. Erin Reardon collected the loose ball and passed to Flaherty for the winning tally.

RPI 2 - Field Hockey 0

TROY, N.Y. - The RPI field hockey team got one goal in each half to defeat Westfield State.

Westfield drops to 5-9 while RPI is 6-9.

RPI got the only goal it would need when Toni Militano scored on a rebound off a Laura Harris shot with 22:57 left in the first half.

Westfield goalie Phanessa Fisher had 12 saves. The Owls were outshot, 15-5.

Women's Soccer 2 - MCLA 1

The Westfield State women's soccer team won its first conference game by edging Western Mass. rival Mass. College of Liberal Arts, 2-1, Tuesday night.

Westfield is now 5-4-3 overall and 1-2-1 in the Mass. State Conference; MCLA is 2-3 in league play at 9-6 overall.

Sophomore Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield scored the game-winning goal 40 minutes into the game with an assist from freshman Kelly Furlong of Dalton. The Owls took a 1-0 lead eight minutes into the contest when DiCarlo assisted on Joy Flaherty's goal.

Westfield freshman goalie

Emily Nash of Springfield Cathedral made eight saves, all in the first half, in her first collegiate game.

AIC 2 - Men's Soccer 0

SPRINGFIELD - David Garcia of Ludlow and junior Andres Azcurra scored first-half goals to lead AIC to a 2-0 victory.

The Owls, who have been shut out in three of their last four games, are now 6-6 overall, while AIC improved to 6-8.

Bridgewater 2 - Men's Soccer 0

WESTFIELD - Bridgewater State scored two goals in a two-minute span of the second half to defeat the Owls, 2-0, in a Mass. State Conference men's soccer game.

The Owls are now 1-3 in conference play and 6-5 overall. Bridgewater improved to 5-4-1.

Bridgewater's Dean Kelliher scored the first goal on a header following a throw in. Pat Bouffard scored the second goal with 28:38 left in the game on a one-on-one breakaway.

Westfield outshot Bridgewater, 12-10. Westfield goalie Nick Ammendolia recorded seven saves.

Westfield's next game is Tuesday afternoon at AIC.

Women's Soccer 2

Bridgewater 2

BRIDGEWATER - Following an early scoring barrage, Westfield and Bridgewater played scoreless soccer for the final 99 minutes and battled to a 2-2 draw Saturday afternoon.

Bridgewater took a 2-0 lead just 4:26 into the match, but Westfield struck back quickly with two goals by two-time conference Player of the Year Holly Maines.

Both teams had 23 shots on goal. Westfield is 0-2-1 in the conference and 4-4-3 overall. The Owls host Mass. College of Liberal Arts on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Framingham 1 - Field Hockey 0

FRAMINGHAM - Sophomore Kerry Carter fired in a goal midway through the second half to lift Framingham to a 1-0 victory over defending conference champion Westfield State.

The Owls dropped to 5-8 and 1-2 in conference play.

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Varsity Sports

Pep Rally, Mon., Nov. 2

- Campus March starts @ 7:45 p.m., Davis Hall
- Pep Rally @ 8:00 p.m.
- Reception @ 8:30 p.m. in Campus Center Main Lounge. Refreshments will be served.
- In the event of heavy rain, reception only @ 8:30.



1998 FIELD HOCKEY TEAM - First row, left to right: senior captains Andrea Fargen and Lori Lahue. Second row, left to right: Phanessa Fisher, Catherine Tiedemann, Tiffany Riley, Keryn Bohane, Kara Jagodzinski, Sara Monahan, Christine Mazeika, Leah Manseau, Kaitlin Reynolds, assistant coach Heather Cabral, head coach Streya Hart. Third row: Melissa Perrotty, Nicole Girolamo, Jenna Barbagallo, Alison Pratt, Virginia Murphy, Brooke Wadhams, Erica Pratt, Meg Adair, Brenda Talamini, Lori O'Doherty, Katie McCarthy. Missing are Molly Phillbrick and Lisa Cash.

Men's 5 on 5 Basketball

Monday, November 2

Court 1

White/Gray

10:30 Phillies

vs

11:15 SLP

vs

Colored

Reservoir Dawgs

T&A

Tuesday, November 3

Court 1

White/Gray

8:00 Jack Rabbits

vs

8:45 B & A's Mom

vs

9:30 GOD

vs

10:15 Chickens

vs

11:00 Reservoir Dawgs

vs

Colored

SLP

T&A

Goodfellas

Hookers

I'll Drink to that



WESTFIELD STATE
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Hall Of Fame Inductees Share Memories, Honor

10/1998

By Mickey Curtis, SID

It was another special night at Westfield State College's 1998 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductions held Oct. 16 in the newly renovated banquet hall.

The Fifth Annual inductions brought back many special memories and heartwarm feelings to those who were enshrined. In addition, many friendships were renewed and photographs taken during the special evening. There are now 45 members in the Westfield State College Athletics Hall of Fame, and the inductions banquet continues to be one of the signature events during the academic year.

"I had heard from some of the past inductees that this was something special, but I never thought that it would be this good," said Ed Matulewicz, one of six 1998 inductees.

Matulewicz, like the four other former student-athletes who were enshrined, thanked Westfield State College for giving him the opportunity to exceed athletically, academically and socially.

"I just can't believe this," he said. "This school was so tremendous to me. It gave me so many

opportunities....It was the greatest four years of my life.

"I was fortunate to play for some great coaches here," he continued. "They gave me the confidence to play at the college level. At first I never went out for sports here because I was worried about my grades."

Matulewicz, who graduated in 1969, was a team leader in three sports at Westfield State - basketball, soccer, and tennis - and was a team captain in all three during his senior year. The Chicopee native's leadership qualities and athletic skills did not go unnoticed as he received the President's Cup Award, the Outstanding Student-Athlete Award, and the Tennis Award during his senior year.

"I was really lucky to play on the teams I did," said Matulewicz. "I think it was the 'hey dey' of college sports here. A played with a lot of the people who are already in the Hall of Fame."

Matulewicz shared the Hall of Fame honor with his brother and former teammates.

"I was especially lucky to have two older brothers who taught me how to be a team player," he said. "And I'd like to accept this award for all the players who didn't have the statistics. I thought when I got this award tonight that the alumni was honoring those types of players."

Chet Symancyk, Class of 1953, also recognized his teammates for helping him to be enshrined. The Westfield native was a four-year participant in both basketball and baseball. In basketball, he led the team with a 16.1 scoring average in 1951, the year the Owls posted a school best 15-2 record. In baseball, his career average was .300, with a season-best of .392 in 1952.

"One of the greatest things that happens to you in sports is that you are part of a team; you go up together and you go down together. But you are still a team," said Symancyk, who noted that five of his former teammates (Bill Miller, Jim Slattery, George Hines, Don Farr, Bob Farr) were at the inductions. "I'd like to thank my teammates....it is a real honor to get this award from Westfield State College."

Kevin Crowley, Class of 1981, thanked the college and his teammates for giving him the opportunity to excel in cross country and track. Crowley is Westfield's first and only men's cross country All American, and he earned All New England honors four times and participated in four NCAA championships.

"The first thing that struck me when I got to Westfield State was the scenery and the people I met," said Crowley. "My teammates came up to me and said how glad they were to have me."

"I also want to thank the school; it's given me a lot."

Marian (Tully) McGee, Class of 1978, also was humbled by the Hall of Fame honor. She played softball from 1975 to 1978, compiling a then school record .414 career batting average. She still holds school records for most runs

scored, most triples, and most runs batted in. All three records were set during his stellar freshman season when Westfield State was 18-2 and won the Mass. State Conference championship.

"I was very fortunate to play on a team that was loaded with talent," she said. "The records that I hold from my freshman year are a direct reflection of the teammates that I had here."

"I believe a lot of my success as an athlete can be attributed to my childhood years," she added. "I grew up with four older, competitive brothers....it wasn't easy...."

Russell Thompson, Class of 1987, earned a cartful of basketball honors during his four years at Westfield. He is Westfield's first and only basketball All American, and ranked as one of the nation's top Division III rebounders for three consecutive seasons. But the award he cherishes the most from Westfield State is the Blue Key Award, given to students for their devoted participation in many college activities.

"I grew a lot here (Westfield State)," said Thompson. "I came through the Urban Education program, which gave me the opportunity to develop as a person. Westfield State is a small school with few minority students, and I thought I represented them well."

F. Paul Bogan, who was posthumously inducted, also represented the College well in his 32 years (1962-95) as athletics director. During his tenure, the Owls captured four Smith Cup and 63 Massachusetts State Conference team championships. The Owls won 15 regional titles and participated in 19 NCAA Tournament and 32 ECAC Tournaments.

Bogan held many titles during his years at Westfield State. He was the head baseball coach for 10 years, the men's basketball coach for four years, and taught physical education during his early years at Westfield.

Bogan's leadership experience extended beyond Westfield State. He was the commissioner of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference from 1980 to 1990, and was actively involved in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. He was on the association's executive committee from 1976 to 1980; the secretary from 1980-85; and the parliamentarian from 1985 until his death in July of 1997.

"It is my belief that the name F. Paul Bogan and the athletics department at Westfield State College are indeed synonymous terms; you can't think of one without the other and the facts speak for themselves," said Fran Bogan, who accepted the award for her late husband. "He was extremely devoted to the students and his involvement in national organizations put Westfield State on the map."

"Paul is here tonight and he is here right next to me...." she concluded. "He is telling you that 'I want to thank you most sincerely for this honor you have given me and I will always be a part of the athletics program at Westfield State College.'"

38 Hall of Fame Inductees: First row, left to right: Fran Bogan (accepting for F. Paul Bogan), Chet Symancyk, Marian (Tully) Gee. Second row: Kevin Crowley, Russell Thompson, Ed Matulewicz. Photo By Mickey Curtis

Fall Sports Awards Banquet

Monday, December 14

5:30 - reception

6:00 p.m - dinner

at Scanlon Banquet Hall

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Men's Cross Country Detoured In Bid For Conference Crown

11/2/98

By Mickey Curtis, SID

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State men's cross country team picked the wrong time to take a wrong turn.

With their top two runners side-tracked for several minutes, the Owls failed to reclaim the Massachusetts Conference championship as they were edged by Bridgewater State, which won the title for the second straight season. The Bears totaled 37 points and Westfield finished second with 43 points in the close competition that was marred by five runners (two from both Westfield and Salem, and one from Bridgewater), taking the wrong turn. The mistake was critical as each added at least four minutes to their finishing times over the five-mile layout.

"I feel bad for the kids because we had been running so well," said head coach Bob Rausch. "We were ahead at the halfway point 39 to 45, and we were getting some really strong performances."

Rausch said that veering off course is not that uncommon in cross country, even when the participants receive a course map and

walk the course before the competition. The Westfield State team, however, opted not to take a pre-race course inspection at Fitchburg State.

"Usually, we do walk the course (before races), but Fitchburg's course is hilly and has a double loop, and the kids didn't want to get tired walking the hills before the race."

Despite the Owls' unfortunate "turn" of events after the halfway point, they still placed five runners - all underclassmen - in the top 14. Freshman Adam Roche was fourth in 25:54, followed by sophomore Brian Church (6th, 26:15), junior Tim Trull (9th, 26:35), freshman Nick Burke (13th, 26:56), and sophomore Eric Nygard (27:00). Graduate student Steve Brochu continued to stay near the top runners, placing 16th in 27:19.

"Eric and Nick have both improved this year; Eric (a transfer from Worcester State), shaved 1:40 off his best time," said Rausch. "Tim Trull probably ran a personal best, Brian Church keeps getting better in his first year of cross country, and Adam Roche, as a fresh-

man, you can't expect much more out of him.

"We have good depth this year," added Rausch. "Losing two of the top three runners and still finishing six points behind is not bad."

Junior Kevin LaCoste, who earned all conference honors with a sixth place in 1997, was one of Westfield's two runners to take the wrong turn. He finished 33rd in 29:19. Junior Rick Krupa was running his best race of the season before being detoured. He finished 28th in 29:12.

"Rick was our first runner at the halfway point," said Rausch. "He was a big surprise. He keeps getting better every week."

Bridgewater's Solomon Tsegai became the first men's runner to claim three conference titles. He finished in 24:27. Teamwise, Salem State earned a Smith Cup point by finishing third with 74 points.

"I thought Salem was the favorite going into the race," said Rausch. "But we were running well and it would have been interesting to see what would have happened if those (five) guys hadn't gone the wrong way."



1998 Men's Cross Country Team - First row, left to right: Paul Bradfield, Allen Moss, Mike Reis, Kevin LaCoste, Steven Brochu, Tim Trull, Tim Smith. Second row: head coach Bob Rausch, Marco Ianello, Rick Krupa, Brian Church, Nick Burke, Yassir Soffan, Adam Roche, Eric Farr, Chris MacDonald, Eric Nygard, and assistant coach Cheryl Santagate-Sutton. Missing are Brennan Barry and Brent Fisher.

Women Capture Third Consecutive Cross Country Title

11/2/98

By Mickey Curtis, SID

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State women's cross country team claimed the Massachusetts State Conference championship for the third consecutive year with another dominating performance Oct. 24.

Westfield placed four of the top five runners, and five in the top nine to finish with 23 points. Fitchburg (65 points) edged Salem (66 points) for second place.

"We had some good pack running," said Westfield State coach Bob Rausch, who noted that his first four finishers were within 17 seconds of one another. "We ran well; it was nice to see, and it will be interesting to see how we do at the (NCAA) regionals."

Westfield State junior Diana Cares, the 1996 and 1997 individual conference champion, finished second this season with a time of 21:04 over the 3.1 mile course. Fitchburg's Rhalda Jansen won the women's title in her first full year of collegiate racing with a time of 20:54.

"I was told that the girl from Fitchburg ran two minutes faster than she has ever run before," noted Rausch. "But having the home course helped, too."

Westfield's other placefinishers were junior Alison Carnie (3rd, 21:05), sophomore Starr Dziengelewski (4th, 21:07), junior Melissa Merrow (5th, 21:21), and

junior Lisa Roy (9th, 21:55).

"Alison did a good job," said Rausch. "She didn't run cross country as a freshman but she has steadily improved the last two years. And Starr keeps improving every week. We were hoping she would finish in the top 10, so finishing fourth is excellent."

Merrow has been the Owls' frontrunner for most of the season, but recently she has been struggling with an illness. Nevertheless, she earned all conference honors by placing in the top seven for the third straight season.

"Considering Melissa has been sick I think she was happy to stay close to the pack," said Rausch.

Merrow, Cares, and Roy will be going for an unprecedented "Four-Peat" next season. They are the three key recruits from 1996 who have led the Owls to three straight conference crowns and have their sights set on a fourth title in 1999.

"We talked about that after the meet," said Rausch. "It would be quite an accomplishment."

Westfield's depth was evident in the conference finals as the Owls placed eight in the top 20. And only one of the eight is graduating this year. Freshman Sara Sechovicz finished 13th (22:58); senior Lisamarie Walsh was 15th (23:00), and freshman Gina Marie Baker placed 20th (23:37).



1998 Women's Cross Country Team - First row, left to right: Tina Marie Varzeas, Diana Cares, Lori Starsiak, Tracey Borucki, Darlee Burns, Gina Marie Baker, Alison Carnie, Erica Mellone, Melissa Merrow. Second row: head coach Bob Rausch, Jill McNiff, Lisa Roy, Starr Dziengelewski, Lisamarie Walsh, Shannan Chalmers, Becca Forrest, Katie Mahoney, Sarah Sechovicz, Miranda Osgood, Katie Dempster, and assistant coach Cheryl Santagate-Sutton. Photo By Mickey Curtis.

Football Team

Evens Record;

Edges Mass Boston

BOSTON - Jason Votzakis of Agawam ran for 161 yards on 28 carries and a second-half touchdown as Westfield State evened its record at 4-4 with a 14-7 football victory against winless UMass Boston Saturday, Oct. 31.

Votzakis' five-yard touchdown run with 7:04 left in the third quarter snapped a 7-7 tie.

The Beacons took advantage of a Votzakis fumble on the first play of the game to get good field position for their opening drive. On fourth and three at the Westfield 19, Beacon quarterback Jack Lambert went deep and tight end John Michael Stewart was able to wrest the ball from an Owl defender in the end zone to give the Beacons the early lead.

Following a short ensuing kick-

off, the Owls needed just four plays to tie the score, with freshman Shawn Lyman of West Springfield going in for a 13-yard TD on a sweep to the left side.

The defenses took over from there, with the Owls standing up to a first and goal from the 3-yard line on UMass Boston's next possession. Freshman end Kurt Gertsen made the key stop on fourth down to keep the game deadlocked. The Beacon defense, meanwhile, stopped Westfield State's next two drives at the Boston 7 and 15 yard lines.

Votzakis' third-quarter score capped an 83-yard, 10-play drive for the Owls, who came from behind to win each of their last three meetings with UMass Boston.

Men's Basketball

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Sat. 21	at Elms	2:00
Tue. 24	SOUTHERN VERMONT	7:00
Sat. 28	at Quinnipiac	2:00
December		
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Thu. 11	SALEM STATE	8:00
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Sat. 20	MASS. COLLEGE	3:00

Women's Swimming

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sat. 31	SIMMONS	1:00
November		
Sat. 7	at Wellesley Relays	1:00
Sat. 14	PLYMOUTH STATE	1:00
Wed. 18	at Springfield College	7:00
Fri. 20	Regis Invitational	7:00
Sat. 21	Regis Invitational	12:00
December		
Wed. 2	at Western New England	7:00
Tue. 8	at Smith College	7:00
January		
Sat. 23	at Southern Connecticut	1:00
Tue. 26	WORCESTER POLYTECH	7:00
Thu. 28	ST. JOE'S, CT	7:00
February		
Tue. 2	MT. HOLYOKE	7:00
Thu. 4	SALEM STATE	7:00
Fri-Sun. 19-21	New England Championships	
	@ Bowdoin College	

Women's Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
November		
Fri. 20	Rowan, NJ, Tournament	8:00
Sat. 21	vs. Mary Washington, VA	5:00
December		
Tue. 1	EMMANUEL	7:00
Thu. 3	at Worcester Polytech	6:00
Sat. 8	WESTERN CONNECTICUT	6:00
Thu. 10	UMASS BOSTON	6:00
January		
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Sun. 3	vs. Southern Maine	4:00
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1998-99 Winter Sports Schedules

Home Games in BOLD CAPS

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By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State women's and men's cross country teams placed second and third, respectively, in the New England Alliance Championships held Saturday, Oct. 31, at Stanley Park.

In the women's 10-team field, UMass Dartmouth won with 41 points, followed by Westfield (54) and Southern Maine (58).

UMass Dartmouth placed five runners in the top 20, including the second, third and fourth place finishers.

Westfield placed five runners in the top 14. Junior Melissa Merrow crossed the finish line first for the Owls, placing seventh in 19:38. She was followed by Diana Cares (9th, 19:47), Alison Carnie (11th, 20:13), Starr Dziengelewski of Southwick (20:18), and Lisa Roy (14th, 20:18).

"I thought our women did a great job," said coach Bob Rausch. "We had nice pack running and we beat Southern Maine, which is a feather in our cap. Starr and Alison ran well; they are starting to come on. Between our first and fifth runners the difference in (finishing) time is getting smaller all the time, which is a most important thing."

Southern Maine's Penny Osborne placed first in the women's meet with a time of 18:22, shaving 11 seconds off the Stanley Park course record.

In the men's meet, Keene State dominated for the second straight year, finishing first in the nine-team field with 19 points. Keene took the first four places, led by Scott Jensen's winning time of 25:21, which was two seconds shy of the course record.

Bridgewater placed second with 76 points, followed by Westfield with 89.

Earning All Conference honors by placing in the top 20 from Westfield were: Westfield native Rick Krupa (10th, 26:49), Kevin LaCoste (15th, 27:23), and Brian Church (19th, 27:35).

"Overall, I thought our men ran well," said Rausch. "We did have a few guys who weren't feeling well that day."

The teams conclude their season with two big meets: this past Saturday they competed in the ECAC Championship; on Nov. 14 they are at the NCAA Division III Regionals at Babson.

"Our women's goal is to finish in the top 10, and our men's goal is to finish in the top 10 or 15," said Rausch.



Freshman Adam Roche leads a pack of runners through the Stanley Park course during the New England Alliance Championships held Oct. 31 at Stanley Park. In the Mass. State Conference championships held the previous weekend, Roche was Westfield's top runner, finishing fourth overall.

Photo By Mickey Curtis



Eight Westfield State College cross country runners earned All Conference honors by placing in the top 20 at the New England Alliance Championships held Oct. 31 at Stanley Park. Wearing their all conference shirts and displaying their second place plaque in the top photo, from left to right, are: Starr Dziengelewski, Alison Carnie, Lisa Roy, Melissa Merrow and Diana Cares. In the bottom photo are Brian Church, left, and Rick Krupa. Missing is Kevin LaCoste. *Photos By Mickey Curtis*



Women's Volleyball Places Second In Conference

By Mickey Curtis, SID

BRIDGEWATER - The Westfield State women's volleyball team placed second in the Mass. State Conference Championship Tournament held Oct. 30-31 at Bridgewater State College.

The Owls posted a 4-1 record in the two-day tournament. In pool play action, they defeated Fitchburg State (15-12, 15-9, 15-8), Framingham State (15-10, 15-6, 7-15, 15-4), and Mass. College of Liberal Arts (15-5, 17-15, 15-3).

In the semifinals, Westfield posted an impressive sweep of Salem State 15-10, 15-11, 15-3. In the finals, the Owls lost to Bridgewater State for the second straight season. Westfield took the first set vs. the host school 16-14, but Bridgewater came back to win the next three games 1-15, 2-15, 14-16.

"I think the team played up to its potential as the tournament wore along, with the best matches vs. Salem and Bridgewater," said coach Jesse Adams. "We swept Salem for the first time. Against Bridgewater, we hit a wall after winning the first game; we were exhausted. We ran out of steam after having an emotional high (winning the first game) and (Bridgewater) took it to us."

Westfield jumped out to an 11-1 lead in the first game, but Bridgewater came back to take the lead 14-12. The Owls then regrouped to tie the score and go on to defeat their conference rival. The Owls also came back to tie the fourth set at 14-14, but they were unable to force a fifth game.

"It was a great experience for our players," said Adams. "It was good to see them rise to the challenge. Our bench played well, too, and gave us support throughout the matches."

Junior Katelyn Butler was an all-tournament team selection. She posted 51 kills and 18 blocks. Freshman Sarah Cormier had 108 assists and 11 blocks, and Melissa Card recorded 13 aces and 77 digs. Vanessa Rea (20 kills, 54 digs, 9 aces) and Katie Simlick (26 kills, 80 digs) also put up big numbers.

"Katelyn, Vanessa and Melissa played well," said Adams. "Vanessa was outstanding for the final two matches. She was diving all over the floor."

Westfield concluded its regular season with a 19-14 overall record, setting a school record for most victories in a season. The Owls played two competitive road matches this past week, falling to Worcester Polytech (2-15, 10-15, 5-15) on Tuesday, and to Brandeis (12-15, 12-15, 16-14, 9-15) on Thursday. Simlick led the team vs. Brandeis with 13 kills and 13 digs.

The Owls now await a possible berth in a postseason tournament.

"We represented Westfield State well in the conference tournament," said Adams. "After the tournament, the conference commissioner and sports information director commended us on how well we played and handled ourselves for just being a second-year program."



Katie Simlick positions herself for a dig with Missy Newton backing up the play during a recent volleyball match. Photo By Mickey Curtis.

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Top Photo: Westfield State College President Frederick Woodward, SGA President Alison Leary, football captain Dave DeLancey, athletics Director Ken Magarian, and Pete Castro of the trades department prepare to light the bonfire during last Monday's Pep Rally.



Bottom Right Photo: President Woodward and Leary receive Smith Cup Championship t-shirts from Student-Athlete Advisory Board chairs Andrea Fargen and Matt Dowaliby during the Pep Rally reception in the Ely Campus Center Lounge.

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Soccer Roundups

Nov. 1998

Owls Tie MCLA, 1-1

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State men's soccer team battled to a 1-1 double overtime tie with Mass. College of Liberal Arts here Wednesday.

The Owls are 9-6-1 overall and finished conference play with a 3-3-1 record. Their regular season finale was Nov. 7 when they hosted Keene State, which is ranked seventh in New England. Keene stunned Salem State, 4-1, earlier in the week.

Westfield State is ranked 10th in the latest regional poll, while Mass. College is rated 11th.

The Owls scored 2:37 into the game on a goal by sophomore Tim Whitney, the team's leading scorer. He was assisted by classmates Karl Labadorf and Andrew Lewis.

MCLA tied the score with 23 minutes left in regulation on an unassisted goal by Daisuke Sakai, a sophomore from Japan.

MCLA outshot Westfield, 18-9.

Men's Soccer 4 - Fitchburg 0

Freshman Tim Cranson of Montgomery had a goal and an assist to lead the Westfield State men's soccer team to a 4-0 victory over Fitchburg State.

The Owls improved to 9-6 to assure themselves of their second straight winning season under the direction of coach Paul Whalley.

Sophomore Tim Whitney, the team's leading scorer, also had a goal and an assist, as the Owls bolted to a 4-0 halftime lead.

Wesleyan 1 - Women's Soccer 0

Wesleyan University finished its regular season with a 1-0 victory over Westfield State.

Sophomore Nell Coogan scored the game-winning goal on a shot that hit the left post then rolled just across the goal line with 16:26 left in the game.

Westfield outshot the visitors, 9-7.

Salem 2 - Westfield 0

SALEM - The Westfield State

women's soccer team was blanked in its regular season finale last Thursday. The Owls finished with a 7-7-4 record.

Women's Soccer 3 - Fitchburg 3

FITCHBURG - Fitchburg stunned Westfield State, scoring three goals in the final 17 minutes to erase a 3-0 deficit as the teams played to a 3-3 double overtime deadlock.

Scoring two first-half goals on direct kicks for the Owls was freshman Kelly Furlong of Dalton. Sophomore Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield scored 18 minutes into the second half.

Swim Team Wins Opener

Women's Swimming 161

Simmons College 137

The Westfield State women's swimming team opened its 1998-99 season with a 161-137 home victory over Simmons College on

Saturday, Oct. 31.

Heather Stavros was a double winner, taking first in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.48) and the 50 breaststroke (33.69). Also finishing first was Julie Hamel in the 1000 freestyle (12:07.52).

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Football Team^{11/98} Rallies To Edge Nichols, 16-14

WESTFIELD - Quarterback Dean DiGregorio threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to tight end John Frasco with 48 seconds left in the game to lead Westfield State College to a thrilling 16-14 come-from-behind New England Football Conference victory over Nichols College Nov. 7.

Westfield, 5-4 overall, began the 13-play, 84-yard scoring drive with 5:01 remaining. The winning score was set up when back Frank DeLuca made a spectacular one-handed grab for a 20-yard reception to the Nichols 15 on a 3-and-5 situation.

On the next play, DiGregorio lofted the ball across the field to a wide open Frasco in the far left corner of the end zone for the game-winning score. Nichols' attempt to regain the lead was thwarted when Westfield senior linebacker Mike Daly intercepted a pass at the Owl 30 yard line with eight seconds remaining.

"As soon as I came out of the huddle and saw the defense I knew that I was going to be open," said Frasco. "Because the safety was directly over me, and there was nobody out in the corner. When I lined up, I was excited."

The Owls dominated the time of possession, running 85 plays to Nichols' 50. Junior running back Jason Votzakis led Westfield with 205 yards rushing on 33 carries and a touchdown, as he surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the season early in the third quarter.

For the game, the Owls rushed for 257 yards on 54 carries. DeGregorio threw for 142 yards and completed only 11 of 29 passes. However, the junior signal caller completed four passes during the winning touchdown drive.

"We were running the ball, but we couldn't throw the ball very well, and we had to throw it at the end," said head coach Steve Marino said. "And when Dino had to make a good throw, he made the best throw of the game."

Westfield took a 3-0 first-quarter lead on a 24-yard field goal by Frasco. Matt Fox, who rushed for 133 yards, scored from one-yard out to give Nichols a 7-3 lead with 1:17 left in the opening stanza. The TD drive was set up by Courtenay Jackson's 55-yard interception return to the 19.

Westfield's first touchown - a two-yard run in the second quarter by Votzakis - was set up by T.J. Raeke's 35 yard interception return to the 2.

Nichols, 5-4 overall, took a 14-10 lead with 1:59 left in the third quarter when quarterback Anthony Volpone found receiver Brian Halapin open down the right sideline for a 57-yard touchdown play.

Defensively, junior linebacker Brett Poirier, the team's leading tackler this season, posted a game-high nine tackles. The Owls had another balanced team effort defensively as Daly was the second leading tackler with five stops.



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1998 Men's Soccer Team - First row, left to right: Chris Machado, Tim Whitney, Ben Fleury, Andrew Lewis, Jon Haluch, Hugo Destapado, Matt Dasso. Second row: head coach Paul Whalley, Peter Beaupre, Adam Hoyle, Justin Calheno, Luke Slatton, Matt Currier, Andrew Haney, Danny Manning, Randy Gill, Joe Seiler, assistant coach Chris Streeter. Third row: Jeff Autenrieth, D.J. Conway, Matt Prior, Chris Drown, Al Wilson, Karl Labadorf, Tim Cranson, Nick Ammendolia. Missing is assistant coach Brian Candon.



1998 Women's Soccer Team - First row, left to right: Serena Hawkins, Lisa D'Amato, Krista DiCarlo, Colleen Babin, Kristen Scotland, Kelly Furlong, Joy Flaherty. Second row: head coach Donna Coombs, Melissa Reed, Tracy Munzner, Holly Maines, Kristen Gauthier, Brigitta Brandt, Jill Eastley, Darcie Smalley, Elaine Licata, assistant coach John Catalina. Third row: Emily Nash, Tracy Peters, Siobhán Morris, Kathy Quinn, Erin Reardon, Shawna Boudreau, Amy Warrington, Melanie Kirouac, Krissy Palm. Missing are assistant coach Jack Cawley, Caitlin Beilke, and Amy Green.

Owl Booters Drop Finale

The Westfield State men's soccer team ended with a 1-0 loss to Keene State in a well played home game Saturday evening, Nov. 7.

Keene State scored the game-winning goal on a header off a corner midway through the second half.

The Owls finished with a 9-7-1 record under the direction of second-year coach Paul Whalley. They just missed qualifying for the ECAC Tournament; they were ranked ninth with the top eight teams qualifying.

"I'm disappointed we didn't make the ECAC Tournament but

we didn't deserve to make it," said Whalley. "Our players should be more determined than ever next year (to make the postseason tournament)."

Injuries and a midseason slump, including a 3-2 loss at Worcester State, hurt Westfield's chances of a postseason bid.

They also were unable to notch any "big victories" in their challenging schedule that included Salem State, NCAA Tournament teams Western Connecticut, Keene State and Williams, and ECAC teams Bridgewater and Mass. College of Liberal Arts.

Nov. 1998

James Banacos Road Race

12:00, Saturday, Nov. 21

18th Annual 6.2 mile run/walk

Registration begins at 10:45 a.m.

at College's main entrance

Race fee is \$10

Official t-shirts to the first 48 runners. Refreshments after the race.

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Cross Country Teams Run Well At Regionals Championships ^{12/98}

BABSON PARK - The Westfield State women's and men's cross country teams placed 13th and 15th, respectively, at the NCAA Division 3 New England Regional Championships Nov. 14 at Babson College.

"Both teams ran well," said Westfield State coach Bob Rausch. "We peaked at the right time; I wish we had another meet to run in."

Westfield was the highest finishing state college in the highly competitive 32-team women's race. The Owls finished with 368 points. Williams College ran away with the meet, scoring 74 points, followed by Middlebury (93), Colby (164), Amherst (182), Tufts (192) and Springfield (200).

Diana Cares was Westfield's top runner, finishing 43rd with a time of 19:17 over the 3.1 mile layout. She was followed by Melissa Merrow (51st, 19:26); Lisa Roy (68th, 19:49); Alison Carnie (79th, 19:55), and

Starr Dzeingelewski (127th, 20:48).

"Diana, Melissa and Alison all ran their personal bests," said Rausch. "Starr was sick, which is the reason she finished so far back. But even if she weren't sick I don't think we would have cracked the top 10, which was our goal. There was too much of a gap separating us and the 10th place team (Wellesley, which scored 250 points). It was a very talented field of teams. A lot of the private college have some excellent runners."

The Westfield men placed 15th even though one of their best runners - freshman Adam Roche - did not compete because of an illness. The Owls totalled 427 points in the 32-team field to finish ahead of conference rivals Bridgewater (16th, 446 points), and Salem State (18th, 527 points).

"If we had Adam we probably would have had 100 fewer points

and finished in the top 10," noted Rausch.

Springfield finished 10th with 344 points. Williams ran away with the men's race, too, scoring 62 points, followed by Keene State (95), Tufts (98), Brandeis (113), MIT (132), Coast Guard (154), and Amherst (205).

Kevin LaCoste was Westfield's top runner, placing 51st with a time of 26:50 over the five-mile layout. Also scoring for the Owls were Rick Krupa (59th, 27:03); Brian Church (61st, 27:04); Tim Trull (106th, 28:03), and Steven Brochu (150th, 29:06).

"Brian Church continued to improve; he knocked another 30 seconds off his best time," said Rausch. "And Tim Trull also ran well."

The future looks bright for the Westfield State cross country teams as their top runners are all underclassmen.

Twelve Westfield Players Named Field Hockey, Soccer All-Stars

Nov. 1998

Twelve players from Westfield State earned all conference soccer and field hockey honors for their play during the 1998 season.

The women's soccer team had three first-team selections on the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference All-MASCAC squad. Midfielder Holly Maines was named to the first team for the third consecutive season.

The Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y., native also was the Conference Player of the Year in both 1996 and 1997, but injuries limited her play this season.

Sophomore Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield was a first-team selection for the second straight season. The hustling midfielder led the Owls in scoring with six goals.

Amy Warrington, a senior back from Rutland, was Westfield's other women's soccer all conference first-team pick. She helped to anchor a defense that allowed only 25 goals in 18 games.

Westfield landed four players on the men's soccer all conference team. Tim Whitney was the lone first-team pick. The speedy sophomore forward from Marlboro led the team in scoring with 13 goals and five assists.

Second-team selections were junior back Matt Currier of Danvers, junior back Dan Manning of Wilbraham, and sophomore midfielder Ben Fleury of Springfield. Currier was first-team all conference in 1997.

The field hockey team placed five players on the all conference squad, including first-team junior forward Erica Pratt of Agawam and junior back Kara Jagodzinski of North Hatfield. Pratt also was a first team selection in 1997.

Senior forward Lori Lahue of Westford was all conference for the third consecutive year. The Owls' leading scorer was a second-team pick for the third time. Other second team selections were freshman back Sara Monahan of Holliston and sophomore back Brooke Wadhams of Goshen, Conn.

The football and women's volleyball all conference teams will be announced this week.

*see photos on
next page*



Westfield State College was well represented on the Mass. State Conference soccer and field hockey teams, with a total of 12 Owls earning all conference honors.

First-team selections pictured are Amy Warrington (top photo) of the women's soccer team;

Tim Whitney (middle photo) of the men's soccer team; and field hockey player Kara Jagodzinski (bottom photo).

Mickey Curtis Photos



Women's Volleyball Second In Tourney; Has 20-Win Season

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State women's volleyball team concluded its very successful season by placing second in the MAIAW Tournament, hosted by the Owls on Nov. 14.

Westfield State swept Endicott College in the semifinals 15-0, 15-5, 15-5. In the championship match, the Owls lost to Worcester Polytech in a five-set thriller 8-15, 15-12, 7-15, 15-12, 13-15. On Nov. 3, Westfield had lost to WPI in three sets.

"We had a good final match but we just couldn't get over the hump," said coach Jesse Adams. "It was an excellent championship match and a great way to end the season."

The Owls have set some impressive standards in the first two years of the program, which was resurrected in 1997 after a nine-year hiatus. Last season they set a then school record for victories in posting a 14-11 mark. This fall they posted the first 20-win season in the program's history. They were 20-15 and placed second in the Mass. State Conference for the second straight year.

"The players showed a lot of heart and determination this season," said Adams. "They improved a lot from the first game of the year to now. We are looking forward to next year when we'll have most everybody back and anticipate a good recruiting class coming in."

Named to the MAIAW All-Tournament team from Westfield were juniors Katelynn Butler and Melissa Card. Butler had 27 kills in the two matches and Card totaled 30 digs.

Adams emphasized the entire team played well. Sophomore Sara Woodcock came off the bench to serve 11 straight points, including three aces, in the first game vs. Endicott. Junior Vanessa Rea also had an outstanding first game with three aces and six kills.

In the championship match vs. WPI, freshman Katie Simlick slammed 10 kills and freshman Katie Martin posted two blocks and 12 kills. In game two, Martin won three straight serves to rally the Owls to a 15-12 triumph.

Two freshmen - setter Sarah Cormier and reserve Jamie Peters - also were key contributors, according to Adams. Cormier totaled seven kills, eight blocks, and 55 assists in 178 attempts.

Westfield forced a fifth game with outstanding play and hustle in rallying from an 11-4 deficit to win the fourth set.

"We really came together as a team in the championship match," said Adams. "We gave a great fight in game five to come back but we just couldn't pull it off."



Members of the 1998 Westfield State College women's volleyball team in the front row, left to right: Kristen Johnson, Sara Woodcock, Melissa Hogan, Melissa Pervier, Melissa Card, Casey Goulas, Sarah Cormier. Back row: assistant coach Kevin Lynch, Missy Newton, Katie Simlick, Katelynn Butler, Katie Martin, Jamie Peters, Vanessa Rea, head coach Jesse Adams. *Photo By Mickey Curtis.*

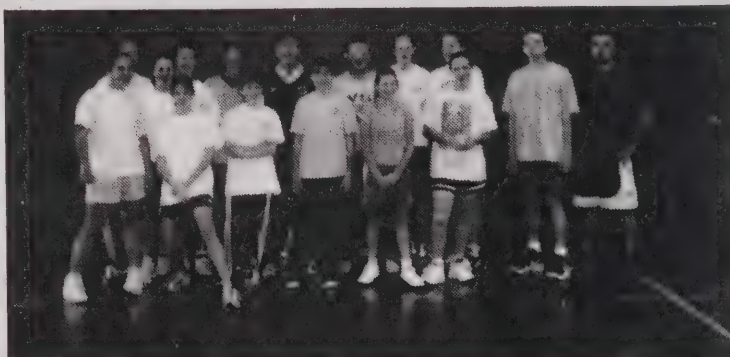
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OWLS TIP OFF HOME SEASON TUESDAY - Members of the 1998 Westfield State College men's basketball team pose for a preseason team picture at the College's main entrance. The Owls' home opener is Tuesday, Nov. 24, when they host Southern Vermont. In the front, left to right, are: Jeff Perham, Adam Manchester, Kevin Rudd, Dan Sees, Christian Caputo, Aaron Smith, Phil Connors, and Adam Cobb. In the back are: Kris Kachelmeyer, John Wiley, Bill Ford, Chris Carr, Steve Madelle, Jon Mazzone, and Carlos Monteiro. *Tony Stafflere Photo*

Westfield State men's basketball coaches Rich Sutter and Tony Stafflere recently held a clinic for Westfield city youth, including these YMCA members, at the Parenzo Gym. Head coach Sutter and the Westfield State team have already held several youth clinics and are planning to participate in several more clinics in Western Mass.

Bill Ford Photo



Swim Team Nips Plymouth

Women's Swimming 151 Plymouth State 149

The Westfield State women's swimming team edged Plymouth State, 151-149, in a home meet Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Owls placed second and third in the final relay event - the 400 freestyle - to pull out the victory and raise their record to 2-0.

Amy Fischer won three events: the 50 and 100 butterfly and the 200 individual medley. Lori Lauer captured the 500 and 1,000 freestyle, and Jody Stiefel took first in the 50 and 100 backstroke.

Also placing first was Heather Stavros in the 50 breaststroke, and

the 200 medley relay team of Stiefel, Stavros, Fischer and Julie Hamel.

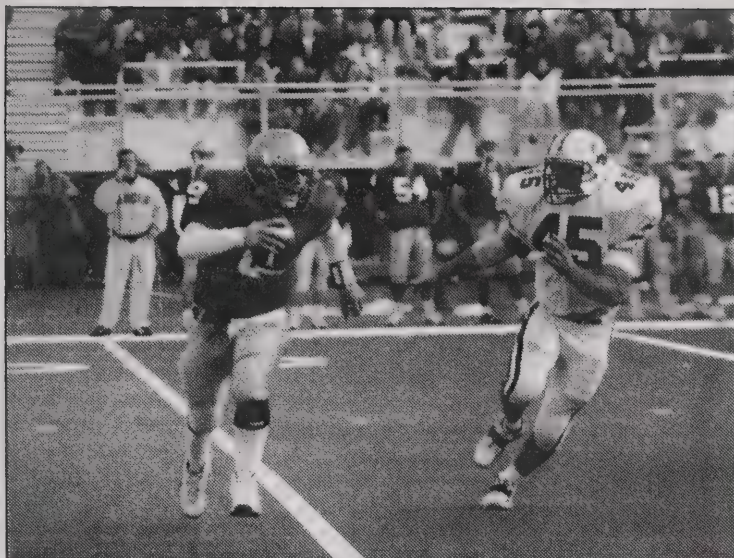
Hamel earned key points with second places in the 50 and 200 freestyles

"It was a good meet all the way through," said veteran Westfield coach Dave Laing. "Everybody swam really well."

Last Wednesday the Aqua Owls sustained their first setback of the season, losing at Springfield College, 170-124.

Finishing first were Fischer in the 100 butterfly, Stiefel in the 100 backstroke, and Kristen Fleming in the 50 butterfly. Lauer was second in three events and Hamel placed second in two events.

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Westfield State defensive end Bob Björkgren runs down Worcester State quarterback Dan Hanson to record a sack. *M. Curtis Photo*

Owls Drop Football Finale

WORCESTER - The Westfield State football team suffered a disappointing loss to Worcester State, 24-13, in its regular season finale Nov. 14.

The Owls finished 5-5, while Worcester State ended at 4-6.

Five turnovers - all in the second half - led to the Owls' downfall. The biggest turnover came on the second play of the fourth quarter when Worcester State's Kaleem Clarkson recovered a fumble and returned it 97 yards - a New England Division 3 record - to give the Lancers a 17-7 lead.

The critical play occurred when Westfield running back Frank DeLuca fumbled on a second-down play at the Worcester 2.

"It was a disappointing loss," said Westfield coach Steve Mairno. "I thought we were the better team but we had too many turnovers."

The Owls led 7-0 at halftime, scoring on Shawn Lyman's 12-yard scamper around left end early in the first quarter.

A fumble also set up Worcester's first score, a three-yard touchdown pass with 5:53 left in the third quarter. The Lancers took

a 10-7 lead with 3:13 left in the quarter when standout punter/kicker Nate Riedl drilled a 45-yard field goal.

Junior running back Jason Votzak of Agawam led the Owls with 151 yards rushing on 26 carries. Jeremy Bernard, a transfer from Westfield State, led Worcester State with 63 rushing yards on 21 carries.

Worcester's short passing game was effective. Lancer quarterback Dan Hanson completed 17 of 24 passes for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Westfield completed 9 of 30 passes for 81 yards.



Junior running back Jason Votzak was one of five Westfield State football players named to the New England Football Conference all star team. Votzak rushed for 1,240 yards this season.

Mickey Curtis Photo

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Five Owls Named Football All-Stars

Five members of the Westfield State College football team were named to the New England Football Conference all-star teams.

Named to the all conference second team were junior linebacker Brett Poirier, junior defensive back T.J. Raeke, and junior offensive tackle Mark Luke. Honorable mention selections were junior running back Jason Votzak and senior defensive end Bob Bjorkgren.

"Our players deserve the honors they were accorded," said Westfield State head football Steve Marino. "Even being named honorable mention in the conference is a prestigious honor because there are 14 teams (in the NEFC) and a lot of talented players."

Poirier led the Owls in tackles with 103, including 58 primary hits. He also had two interceptions. Raeke led the team in interceptions (five) and broken up passes (seven), and was the fourth leading tackler with 43 stops. Luke, a 6-4, 285-pound tackle who anchored the offensive line, was a second-team selection for the second straight season.

Bjorkgren was the team's third leading tackler (63), and led the Owls with 6.5 sacks and 15 tackles for losses. Votzak was the second player in Westfield history to rush for more than 1,000 in a season as he totaled 1,240 yards during the Owls' 5-5 campaign.

Sports

Women's Basketball Beats WPI, Emmanuel To Even Record

WORCESTER - The Westfield State women's basketball team evened its record at 2-2 with a 62-49 victory over Worcester Polytech on Thursday.

The Owls, who led 32-23 at halftime, shot 50 percent from the field but had trouble holding onto the ball, committing 21 turnovers. The young WPI team shot 38 percent and committed 28 turnovers.

Senior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam led Westfield's balanced attack with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Senior point guard Holly Maines had 11 points, six rebounds, seven assists and five steals.

Sophomores Laura Fisher and Jamie Vielmetti scored 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Westfield's next game is Tues-

day when it hosts Western Connecticut at 6:00 p.m.

Westfield 76 - Emmanuel 57

The Westfield State women's basketball team posted an impressive 76-57 victory over Emmanuel College last Tuesday.

It was the first victory of the season for the Owls, who opened the season with losses to Mary Washington College of Virginia and Rowan College of New Jersey in the Rowan Tournament. Emmanuel is 2-2.

Westfield got off to an excellent start, jumping out to a 10-0 lead. The Owls led 25-7 with 8:40 left in the first half and went into the locker room with a 40-23 half-time lead.

Westfield, which shot 59 percent from the field in the first half,

was sparked by the return of senior standout point guard Holly Maines, who had been sidelined for the past month with a concussion. The Saugerties, N.Y., High School graduate had 13 points, nine assists and three steals.

Sophomore Jamie Vielmetti of Frontier Regional High School came off the bench to lead Westfield's balanced scoring attack with 17 points. She also had four assists and three steals.

Senior Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam posted 15 points and game-high eight rebounds despite being saddled with foul trouble. Sophomore A.J. LaBelle of Mohawk Trail High School contributed 13 points and six rebounds, and sophomore guard Laura Fisher popped in 11 points.

1998-99 Winter Sports Schedules

Home Games in BOLD CAPS

Men's Indoor Track

DATE	MEET	PLACE
Dec. 5	Williams Invitational	Williamstown
Dec. 12	Wesleyan Invitational	Middletown, CT
Jan. 16	Quad Cup	Bates
Jan. 23	Quad Cup	Williams
Jan. 30	Quad Cup	Southern Maine
Feb. 6	Quad Cup	MIT
Feb. 14	Alliance Meet	Boston
Feb. 20	New England Div. 3 Finals	Wesleyan
Feb. 26-27	All New England Finals	Boston U.
March 6	ECAC Division 3 Finals	Wheaton
March 12-13	NCAA Division 3 Finals	Ohio Northern

Women's Swimming

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
	December	
Tue. 8	at Smith College	7:00
	January	
Sat. 23	at Southern Connecticut	1:00
Tue. 26	WORCESTER POLYTECH	7:00
Thu. 28	ST. JOE'S, CT	7:00
	February	
Tue. 2	MT. HOLYOKE	7:00
Thu. 4	SALEM STATE	7:00
Fri-Sun. 19-21	New England Championships @ Bowdoin College	

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March 12-13	NCAA Division 3 Finals	Ohio Northern

MIT Edges Owls In Overtime

MIT 60 - Men's Basketball 56

CAMBRIDGE - The Westfield State men's basketball team was edged in overtime here Thursday.

It was the fourth straight loss and the second overtime setback for the Owls, who were 1-4 heading into their game at WNEC Saturday.

Westfield again got off to a slow start, trailing 22-11. But the Owls went on a 11-2 run to close to within two points, 24-22, at halftime.

Westfield led by three points, 52-49, with just under a minute left in the second half when MIT's Skip Lucci canned a three-point basketball to send the game into overtime.

MIT scored the first four points to take control early in the overtime and survive Westfield's upset bid.

Sophomore guard Kris Kachelmeyer again led the Owls with 22 points. Adam Manchester had nine points and 11 rebounds and Chris Carr contributed nine points and nine boards.

Zach Inman, who hit a key three-pointer early in the extra stanza, led the Engineers with 18 points.

Eastern Connecticut 72

Men's Basketball 51

WILLIMANTIC - The Westfield State men's basketball team struggled early in a 72-51 setback here Tuesday.

Westfield only scored five points in the last 13 minutes of the first half as it trailed 28-12 at the

break. Eastern went on a 13-0 run over a seven-minute span to take a 23-7 lead. The Owls committed 21 of their 37 turnovers in the first half and also were in early foul trouble.

Sophomore Kris Kachelmeyer led Westfield with 16 points, 12 in the second half. Senior forward Adam Manchester scored all 12 of his points in the second half.

Quinnipiac 90 - Westfield 61

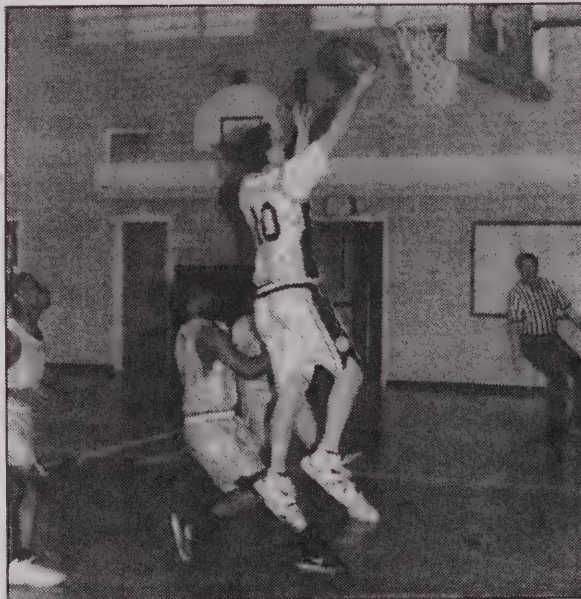
The Owls lost at Quinnipiac College, 90-61 on Nov. 28.

Quinnipiac, in its first year of Division 1, improved to 3-1. The Braves lost to the University of Connecticut, 102-60, in its season opener before edging Army and Columbia. Following its win over

Westfield, Quinnipiac lost at Syracuse University, 95-60, Tuesday.

Quinnipiac led Westfield, 11-2 at the start, but the teams played on even terms the remainder of the first half. The Owls trailed at halftime, 46-35, but pulled to within eight points, 46-38, in the first minute of the second half on a three-point basket by Chris Carr. Quinnipiac's size and depth then began to wear down the Owls.

Carr scored 19 points while teammates Phil Conners and Jon Mazzone scored 11 and 10, respectively. Quinnipiac had five players in double figures, led by Phil MacKenzie's 19 points, including 15 in the second half.



Sophomore Kris Kachelmeyer, driving for a layup, leads the Westfield State men's basketball team in scoring this season. He is averaging 17 points through the first five game. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Westfield To Host Take A Kid To The Game

Westfield State College will be the place to see some outstanding women's basketball on Feb. 6, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. when the Lady Owls play Bridgewater State and host the "Take a Kid To The Game" program.

The program is designed to promote women's sports to local children by giving the children free admission to the game on this day. In addition to free admission, the children will also have a chance to meet some of the players after the game and participate in half-time activities.

This year marks the fourth year of the Take a Kid To The Game program, and the first year of participation by Westfield State. It is also the first year for Regal by Buick's involvement. The program has grown from 30 schools in the first year to 112 schools in 1998. This year the program will include 289 NCAA schools and is expected to reach over 600,000 fans.

Regal by Buick's Take A Kid To The Game program was created and implemented by Host Communications, Inc., a sports marketing and association management company with principle offices in Lexington, KY; Dallas, TX; and New York, NY.

"The Take a Kid To The Game program is a great opportunity for the kids in our community to see not only a women's college sporting event, but a very good women's basketball program," said Westfield State assistant athletics director Nancy Bals.

Westfield State College has posted seven consecutive 20-win seasons and is again challenging for first place in the Mass. State Conference.

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Westfield State College President Frederick Woodward presents a four-year award to women's soccer player Krissy Palm during the Fall Varsity Sports Banquet held last December. Palm was one of six seniors who was recognized for participating in a varsity sport at Westfield State for four years. The others were: Kristen Gauthier (soccer), Andrew Haney (soccer), Chris Incorvati (football), Dave DeLancey (football), and Lori Lahue (field hockey). Photo By Mickey Curtis

Women's Basketball Compiles Competitive 8-6 Record

The Westfield State women's basketball team has compiled a competitive 8-6 record heading into the final month of the season.

All six of the losses have been to regionally ranked teams: Salem State, Western Connecticut, Trinity College, Southern Maine, Mary Washington, Va., and Rowan, N.J.

The Owls were 3-1 in conference play heading into last Saturday's key home game vs. upstart Framingham State. Salem State is again the team to beat in the Mass. State Conference, with the Owls rated the second best squad. Westfield will receive stiff competition, however, from Framingham, Worcester State and Bridgewater State.

"We have a relatively young team this season, with only two seniors and no juniors," said veteran coach Rick Berger. "The team has developed a good chemistry and has been improving each week, but we are lacking in size and overall experience."

What the Owls aren't lacking is a veteran, talented point guard. Senior Holly Maines, a four-year starter and two-time all conference selection, leads the team in scoring (12.5), assists (5.1), and steals (2.3) per game. She has been nearly flawless from the foul line, canning 30 of 34 attempts.

The Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y., native is closing on several milestones in her final collegiate season. Heading into last Saturday's game she had 943 career points and 551 career assists. She needs four more assists to set the Mass. State Conference all-time record.

Classmate Kristen Schmaelzle is also closing in on the grand milestone with 934 career points. The 5-8 senior forward from Agawam is averaging 11.4 points per game, and leads the team in rebounding

(7.6) and field goal shooting (.524).

Emerging as a team leader and future star is sophomore Jamie Vielmetti. The 5-9 guard/forward from South Deerfield is averaging 9.7 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game, which places her second behind Maines in the conference.

Westfield's offense has improved steadily with additional scoring punch provided by freshman forward A.J. LaBelle and sophomore guard Laura Fisher. LaBelle is averaging 6.7 points and 5.0 rebounds; in the six games this semester she is scoring at a 10.1 points per game clip. Fisher is averaging 6.7 points off the bench.

Completing Westfield's starting lineup is freshman guard Michaela Blaney, a defensive stopper who is averaging 6.2 points. The Owls have remained competitive with their trademark aggressive defense that is holding opponents to 58 points per game and a .368 shooting percentage, both conference bests.

Trinity 63 - Westfield State 47

HARTFORD - Junior forward Caitlin Luz of Woburn scored 18 points, sinking nine of 11 shots, to lead Trinity College to a 63-47 victory over visiting Westfield State last Tuesday.

The victory breaks a three-game losing skid for Trinity, which is 9-3 and ranked 10th in the latest New England Division III poll. Trinity held a 23-17 halftime lead, holding Westfield State to just six field goals and 21 percent shooting. The second half saw the Bantams put on their best offensive display of the season, shooting 59 percent and scoring 40 points.

Trinity senior guard Kate Leonard of Longmeadow, Mass., hit three three-pointers for nine points and also pulled down six

boards.

Sophomore forward Jamie Vielmetti and freshman forward A.J. LaBelle paced the Owls with 10 points each. Freshman Michaela Blaney grabbed 11 rebounds from her guard position.

Westfield shot just 28 percent (17 for 61) from the field.

Westfield 80 - Fitchburg State 54

FITCHBURG - Four players recorded "double-doubles" in the Westfield State women's basketball team's 80-54 victory over Fitchburg State.

Sophomore guard/forward Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield continued her fine all around play with 12 points, 15 rebounds, nine assists and three blocks. Senior point Holly Maines registered 11 points and 12 assists. Forwards Kristen Schmaelzle and A.J. LaBelle both scored 14 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Salem 75 - Westfield 62

SALEM - The Westfield State College women's basketball team lost to Salem State, 75-62, in a key Mass. State Conference game.

Salem, ranked third in the latest NCAA Division 3 New England poll, improved to 10-1 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

The talented and deep Salem squad led 35-24 at halftime, but the Owls pulled to within five points, 58-53, with 7:54 remaining on a three-point basket by Holly Maines. Salem called a timeout to regroup, then went on a 6-0 to put away the game.

Maines scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Senior forward Kristen Schmaelzle scored 18 points and sophomore forward Jamie Vielmetti added 12 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Senior Dee Jackson, who was the conference MVP last season, led the Vikings with 20 points and 14 rebounds.

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Women's Basketball (continued)

Westfield 63 - Worcester State 51

The Westfield State College women's basketball team won its fourth straight game by defeating Worcester State, 63-51, on Saturday, Jan. 16.

The Owls took a 22-14 lead, but Worcester went on a 13-4 run to take a 27-26 halftime advantage. Westfield then pulled away in the second half on the strength of its defense and free throw shooting. The Owls were 13 of 14 from the foul line in the second half and 17 of 19 for the game.

Senior point guard Holly Maines of Saugerties, N.Y., High School had another fine floor game for Westfield. She tallied a game-high 18 points, including 8-for-8 free throws; six rebounds and five assists.

Sophomore Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield continued to play well; she scored 15 points and was 7 for 8 from the charity stripe. Senior forward Kristen Schmaelzle contributed nine points and 10 rebounds.

All conference player Renee Marcotte led Worcester State with 12 points and 15 rebounds.

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Men's Indoor Track and Field Results

Quad Cup Meet at Williams College - January 23, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Williams 266; Westfield 106; Middlebury 97;
Southern Maine 72

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Kyle Rudolph	55 dash	6.62
First	Matt Collins	600	1:29.69
First	Kevin LaCoste	800	2:05.08
First	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	41-10
Second	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	20-6
Second	Mark Martineau	400	52.5
Second		Mile Relay	3:44.52
Second		Two Mile Relay	9:22.58
Third	Tom Schreiber	20 lb. weight	46-7
Third	Ryan Schmitt	200	24.37
Fourth	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	39-10 1/2
Sixth	Brian Stanton	400	54.47
Sixth	Adam Roche	5000	17:21.4
Seventh	Tim Smith	1000	3:18.07
Seventh	James Dowd	200	26.26
Eighth	Ryan Schmitt	55 dash	6.88
Eighth	Tim Trull	Mile	5:10.82

Women's Indoor Track and Field Results

Quad Cup Meet at Williams College - January 23, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Williams 187.5; Middlebury 176;
Southern Maine 121.5; Westfield 58

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First		4 x 200 Relay	2:00.5
Second	Sarah Corriveau	55 dash	7.9
Third	Nora Lynch	20 lb. weight	37-2
Third	Sarah Corriveau	200	28.7
Fourth	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:05.91
Fourth	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	31-3 1/2
Fifth	Melissa Mellow	1500	5:24.11
Fifth	Shannan Chalmers	600	1:55.8
Fifth	Diana Cares	3000	11:24
Sixth	Alison Carnie	1500	5:26.31
Sixth	Andrea Petrolini	400	1:07.44
Seventh	Starr Dziengelewski	1500	5:28.15
Eighth	Lisa Roy	1500	5:51.47
Eighth	Sara Sechovicz	800	2:40.16



The Westfield State College competition cheering team completes one of its routines during the national championships held last month in Florida. Westfield, the only state college in the competition, earned a fifth place trophy. *Photo Submitted*

Varsity Cheering Team Competes At Nationals

By Sarah Shepard

Athletics Department Student Intern

It is the end of practice and freshman Seana Peterson has just landed one of the many basket tosses that helped Westfield's varsity competition cheering team tie for fifth place at the 1998 College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship, held in Florida last month.

Westfield, the only state college in the competition, tied for fifth place with Division I University of Connecticut in the small coed division, which consisted of 15 teams. Westfield State achieved the high finish despite a few setbacks. Junior Steve Wright and sophomore Veronica Soares got ill right before the program, and freshman Tara Wilga performed on a sprained ankle.

The 19-member team was judged on a two minute, 15-second routine, with two music sections and one crowd-oriented cheer section.

"This was a good year for us to go," said Lisa Moskow, who has been Westfield State's cheering coach for the past five years.

The team members paid for the entire trip themselves through fundraising ventures during the fall semester. They participated in Riverside Amusement Park's Hallowstream, running the Trick or Treat Village and Pumpkin Patch events for four days to raise money for the trip. Some members of the team also spent their weekends judging at local Pop Warner cheering tournaments in October and November.

"We sacrificed a lot of our personal time for the team," senior Mike Polito said.

All that fundraising paid off last month with the memorable trip to the Sunshine State. But what really makes this team so successful?

"Dedication," Polito said.

"Everyone gets along, and we spend a lot of time together," senior Lindsay Kamin said. Moskow also attributes the team's success to the friendships, both in and out of practice.

The competition cheering squad practices five times a week, and also attends aerobics, swimming, and weightlifting sessions.

Westfield State will be appearing in the Western Massachusetts Pioneer Valley League Exhibition, and has four competitions remaining in 1999. This season will be a tough one to top for future Westfield State cheering squads.

"This has been the most rewarding seasons for me, the best I've ever had," Kamin said.

Swim Team Raises Record To 5-3

Westfield 128 - St. Joseph 96

The Westfield State swimming and diving team raised its record to 5-3 with a 128-96 decision over Saint Joseph College of West Hartford, Conn., last Thursday.

The Aqua Owlettes have two more dual meets remaining this season and both are at home this week: Tuesday vs. Mt. Holyoke and Thursday vs. Salem State.

"They should be two very competitive meets," said veteran coach Dave Laing. "We want to finish the season on a winning note and we also want to qualify a few more swimmers for the New England. Right now we have six or seven who have qualified."

Westfield took control early vs. Saint Joseph by winning six of the first seven events. Lori Lauer was a double winner, hitting the wall first in the 200 freestyle (2:08.07) and the 100 free (1:00.02). Other firsts were recorded by Heather Stavros (100 breaststroke, 1:14.02), Nan Walker (500 free, 6:12.10), Kristin Fleming (50 fly, 30.91), Amy Fischer (50 back, 32.09), Jenn Hedge (50 breaststroke, 34.93), Julie Hamel (10 fly, 1:09.46), and the 200 medley relay

(2:05.25) of Hamel, Stavros, Fleming and Lauer.

Women's Swimming 131 Worcester Polytech 108

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team improved to 4-3 with a 131-108 victory over Worcester Polytech last Tuesday.

Heather Stavros was a triple winner for Westfield, placing first in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.3), 100 freestyle (1:00.1), and 200 breaststroke (2:43.84).

Also finishing first were Nancy Walker in the 200 freestyle (2:13.7); Amy Fischer (100 backstroke, 1:10.29); Karen Flaherty (diving); Lori Lauer (500 freestyle, 5:35.95); Julie Hamel (200 individual medley, 2:27.57); and the 200 medley relay (2:06.02) squad of Jody Stiefel, Heather Stavros, Fischer and Kristin Fleming.

Veteran coach Dave Laing noted that five swimmers recorded

personal bests during the meet: Walker (200 free), Fischer (100 back), Hamel (200 IM and 50 fly, second place, 30.34), and Stiefel in the 200 backstroke (2nd place, 2:28.82).

Also finishing second were: Fleming (200 free), Lori Lauer (100 fly), Joey Maione (50 free), Christine Hornby (diving), and Walker (500 free).

Southern Connecticut 142 Westfield State 89

NEWHAVEN - The swimming and diving team suffered a loss to Southern Connecticut in its first meet of the spring semester on Jan. 23.

"Despite the loss everybody swam well," noted Laing.

Senior tri-captain Lori Lauer was a double winner, taking the 500 free (5:41.8) and the 200 free (2:05.7). Christine Hornby won the three-meter diving and Amy Fischer finished second in the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly.

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This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Women's Basketball

at Mass. College, 6:00

Men's Basketball

at Mass. College, 8:00

Women's Swimming

Mt. Holyoke, Home, 7:00

Thursday, Feb. 4

Women's Swimming

Salem, Home, 7:00

Women's Basketball

at Elms, 7:00

Saturday, Feb. 6

Women's Basketball

Bridgewater, Home, 1:00

Men's Basketball

Bridgewater, Home, 3:00

Men's Indoor Track

at MIT

Women's Indoor Track

at Smith

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Men's Basketball Squad Sets Realistic Goals

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State men's basketball team was shooting for its third straight victory last Saturday when it hosted Framingham State.

It might not seem like much of an accomplishment, but to a team that struggled through 5-20 and 6-19 records the past two seasons, the modest win streak the Owls were hoping to string together meant a lot.

"I have huge plans for this program but you also have to start the rebuilding process with realistic goals," said first-year head coach Rich Sutter. "Another one of our goals is to win more games that we have the past two seasons."

Heading into the Framingham game the Owls were 4-11, with consecutive victories over Fitchburg State, 71-60, and Becker College, 56-52. Two of their losses were in overtime to Southern Vermont and MIT; they also lost to Division I Quinnipiac.

"We've worked hard all season and we're starting to play better; I think we are going to surprise some teams in the final month of

the season," said Sutter. "But we still have a lot of room for improvement. Our turnover rate has dropped significantly but we still have to take better care of the ball, especially our passing."

The Owls are also looking for more consistent scoring. One of their weaknesses is scoring droughts. They are only averaging 63.2 points per game.

Westfield has three players scoring in double figures through the first 15 games. Sophomore guard Kris Kachelmeyer is averaging 14.9 points per game followed by junior Chris Carr (11.9), and senior Adam Manchester (11.2). Junior forward Jon Mazzone is averaging 7.0 ppg, and freshman guard Phil Connors is scoring 6.1 ppg, off the bench.

The Owls are holding their own rebounding led by Manchester (7.4) and Carr (5.7). Sophomore starting forward Adam Cobb, who was sidelined for the first nine games with a hand injury, is averaging 5.2 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game.

The Owls must raise their field

goal shooting percentage (.410) to improve their offensive consistency. They are shooting nearly 70 percent from the foul line, but there is a concern here because their percentage has dipped in recent games.

"We have to be more disciplined offensively and we have to keep working on our free throw shooting, that's the way you win the close games," said Sutter.

Unsurprisingly, Westfield's leading scorers also are their top free throw shooters. Kachelmeyer is shooting 80 percent from the charity stripe followed by Carr (79 percent) and Manchester (73 percent).

Westfield 56 - Becker College 52

The Westfield State men's basketball team won its second straight game with a hard fought 56-52 home victory over Becker College last Wednesday.

Becker, located in Leicester, dropped to 6-7 with its third straight loss. The Hawks came into the game averaging 85 points and 75 shots per contest. Against the Owls' aggressive defense they were 15 for 56 from the field and 19 for 30 from the foul line. Westfield, which led 23-

21 at halftime, was 21 for 56 from the field and 12 for 24 from the charity stripe.

Sophomore point guard Kris Kachelmeyer of Pioneer Valley Regional High School led the Owls with 17 points, including 15 in the second half when Westfield led by as many as nine points. Sophomore forward Adam Cobb posted a double-double with 10 rebounds and 10 points. Senior forward Adam Manchester tallied 10 points and nine rebounds.

Forward Charles Dillahunt of Brooklyn, N.Y., scored 25 of Becker's 52 points, including a 12 for 16 effort from the foul line.

Westfield 71 - Fitchburg 60

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State men's basketball team won its first conference game by defeating Fitchburg State, 71-60, Saturday, Jan. 23.

Sophomore guard Kris Kachelmeyer of Pioneer Valley Regional High School led the Owls with 21 points, including four three-pointers, and seven assists. For-

wards Jon Mazzone and Chris Carr scored 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Westfield shot 68 percent from the field in taking a 41-32 halftime lead, and led by as many as 20 points with five minutes left in the game.

Salem State 77 - Westfield 64

SALEM - Salem State men's team won its seventh straight game by outlasting Westfield State, 77-64, Jan. 19.

Salem improved to 8-2 overall and 2-0 in the conference. The Owls trailed 38-34 at halftime but the host team began pulling away early in the second half led by junior point guard Tishaun Jenkins and freshman guard Ray Williams. Jenkins posted career highs of 25 points and 11 rebounds, he also had seven assists and six steals. Williams scored a career high 22 points.

Kris Kachelmeyer led the Owls with 20 points. Adam Manchester tallied 17 points and 11 rebounds and Jon Mazzone added 13 points.

Men's Indoor Track and Field Results

Quad Cup Meet at Southern Maine - January 30, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Tufts 230; Springfield 136; Westfield 83;
Southern Maines 76; Colby 68.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Kyle Rudolph	55 dash	6.59
First	Matt Collins	400	50.38
First		4 x 400 relay	3:27.96
Second	Mark Martineau	600	1:26.1
Third	Kevin LaCoste	800	2:02.93
Fourth	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:05.47
Fourth	Ryan Schmitt	55 dash	6.84
Fourth	Kyle Rudolph	200	24.14
Fourth	Brian Stanton	400	53.03
Fourth		Distance Medley	11:37.16
Fourth	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	41-1 1/2
Fifth	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	20-4
Fifth	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	40-5
Seventh	Marc Iannello	600	1:29.82
Seventh	Rick Krupa	3000	9:17
Seventh	James Dowd	Triple Jump	35-7 3/4
Eighth	Eric Nygard	1500	4:41.59

Women's Indoor Track and Field Results

Quad Cup Meet at Southern Maine - January 30, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Tufts 209; Springfield 143; Colby 11
New York University 70; Southern Maine 61; Westfield State 24.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Third	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	15-10
Fourth	Sarah Corriveau	Triple Jump	31-6 3/4
Fourth		4 x 800 Relay	11:20.84
Fifth	Diana Cares	5000	19:04.05
Fifth		4 x 200 Relay	1:57.22
Sixth	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	32-3 3/4
Eighth	Alison Carnie	1500	5:23.22



Senior Lori Lauer set a school record in the 200 freestyle at last Tuesday's home swimming and diving meet vs. Mount Holyoke College.

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This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 9
Women's Basketball
at Worcester State, 6:00
Men's Basketball
at Worcester State, 8:00

Thursday, Feb. 11
Women's Basketball
Salem, Home, 6:00
Men's Basketball
Salem, Home, 8:00

Saturday, Feb. 13
Women's Basketball
Fitchburg, Home, 1:00
Men's Basketball
Fitchburg, Home, 3:00

Sunday, Feb. 14
Men's Indoor Track
New England Alliance Finals
@ Reggie Lewis Center, Boston
Men's Indoor Track
New England Alliance Finals
@ Reggie Lewis Center, Boston

Swim Team Sinks Salem; Finishes 6-4

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team concluded its dual meet season with a 159-132 home victory over Salem State on Thursday.

The Owls posted a 6-4 dual meet record for their sixth straight winning season. They will compete in the New England championships scheduled Feb. 19-21 at Bowdoin College.

Double winners for Westfield were senior Lori Lauer in the 1000 freestyle (11:39.27) and 500 freestyle (5:43.81); Jody Stiefel in the 50 backstroke (31.81) and 100 backstroke (1:09.2); and Amy Fischer in the 100 butterfly (1:06.37); and the 50 butterfly (29.66).

Also placing first were Heather Stavros (50 breaststroke, 33.5); Karen Flaherty (one meter diving,

1:67.95); and Christine Hornby (three meter diving, 1:60.50).

Mount Holyoke 173

Women's Swimming 126

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team sustained a 173-126 home setback to a depth-laden Mount Holyoke squad on Groundhog Day.

Westfield led 57-54 after the first six events but Mount Holyoke took control by placing first in the next six events.

The meet highlight for Westfield came from senior Lori Lauer of Winsted, Conn., who set a new school record in the 200 freestyle with a winning time of 2:04.53. The previous record was 2:04.64, set by Tobey Cronnell in December of 1991.

"Lori finally got the record; she's been going after it for a long

time," said coach Dave Laing. "I was happy to see her get it."

Also placing first were Jody Stiefel (100 backstroke, 1:07.93); Heather Stavros (50 breaststroke, 22.11); and Amy Fischer (200 butterfly, 2:25.73 and 50 butterfly, 29.83).

Stiefel and Fischer recorded personal bests in the 100 backstroke and the 200 butterfly. Also regis-

tering personal bests were senior tri-captain Nan Walker in the 1,000 freestyle (12:40.78), and Julie Hamel in the 200 backstroke (2:28.46).

Placing second individually were Hamel (1,000 free and 50 free); Christine Hornby (one meter diving); Lauer (100 free and 500 free); Heather Stavros (200 back); and Fischer (200 IM).

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Men's Basketball Roundup

Framingham 81 - Westfield 65

Senior guard Todd Doherty of Winthrop poured in 29 points, including six three-pointers, to power Framingham State to a hard-fought 81-65 victory over Westfield State on Saturday, Jan. 30.

The Rams won their first conference game; they are 4-10 overall and 1-5 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield dropped to 4-12 and 1-4.

Doherty scored 17 points in the first half to lift the Rams to a 38-28 lead at the break. Westfield went on a 15-2 run in the opening four minutes of the second half to take a 43-40 lead.

The Owls struggled offensively the rest of the game, however, as their three starting forwards were ejected for fighting at the 16:36 mark. Framingham also had three players - all nonstarters - ejected, two for fighting and one for leaving the bench during the melee underneath the Westfield basket.

Sophomore guard Kris Kachelmeyer scored 17 points for the Owls, who shot just 36 percent from the field. The only other player in double figures was Framingham forward Marc Listwenik, who scored 13 points.

MCLA 82 - Westfield Men 45

Mass. College improved to 5-0 in the conference and 10-6 overall by trouncing an undermanned Westfield men's team last Tuesday.

Murales Louis (15 points, 12 rebounds) and Bret Lambole (17 points, 12 rebounds) each netted a double-double for the Mohawks. Former Gateway Regional standout Josh Thielen scored 10 points. Thielen, a senior from nearby Montgomery, leads the conference in scoring, averaging 22 points per game.

Reserve guard Chris Caputo scored 10 to lead the Owls, who dropped to 4-13.



Members of the 1998-99 Westfield State men's basketball team in the first row, left to right, are: Jon Mazzone, Dan Sees, Kevin Rudd, Adam Manchester, Steve Madelle, Chris Carr, Kris Kachelmeyer, Adam Cobb. Second row: head coach Rich Sutter, Chris Caputo, Bill Ford, John Wiley, Jeff Perham, Phil Connors, Neil Rosario, assistant coach Tony Staffiere, assistant coach Ed Winch. Photo By Mickey Curtis

Feb 8, 1999

Women's Basketball Roundup

Owls Cruise To Three Victories

All five starters scored in double figures as the Westfield State's women played near-flawless basketball in an 88-44 rout of Framingham State on Saturday, Jan. 30.

The much improved Framingham squad entered the game 9-7 in 3-2 in the conference.

Westfield shot a sizzling 60 percent from the field in posting the surprisingly easy victory. The Owls scored 44 points in both halves and led by 25, 44-19, at halftime as they held the Rams to 19 percent shooting from the field.

"We were very focused for this game," said veteran coach Rick Berger. "Plus, playing in front of a large crowd really helped, too."

Senior point guard Holly Maines directed the potent attack with 13 points, seven assists, three steals, and four rebounds. Senior forward Kristen Schmaelzle finished with game highs of 19 points and 12 rebounds; she was 9 for 11 from the field.

The Owls also received a strong effort from freshman guard Michaela Blaney of North Andover.

She finished with 12 points and four assists and held Framingham's high-scoring freshman Jennifer Brown to eight points. Brown came into the contest leading the conference in scoring, averaging nearly 22 points per game.

Sophomore forward Jamie Viehmetti of South Deerfield continued her fine play with 15 points, eight assists and four steals, while freshman forward A.J. LaBelle of Mohawk Regional contributed 12 points and seven rebounds.

Westfield 74 - Elms College 26

CHICOPEE - The Westfield State College women's basketball team improved to 11-6 by trouncing winless Elms College, 74-26, Thursday, Feb. 4.

Three freshmen posted career highs in scoring for the Owls. Forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional) poured in 22 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Center Christina Neeley totaled nine points, seven rebounds and four blocks, while guard Kristen Mucci tallied 12 points.

Senior Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam posted another double-

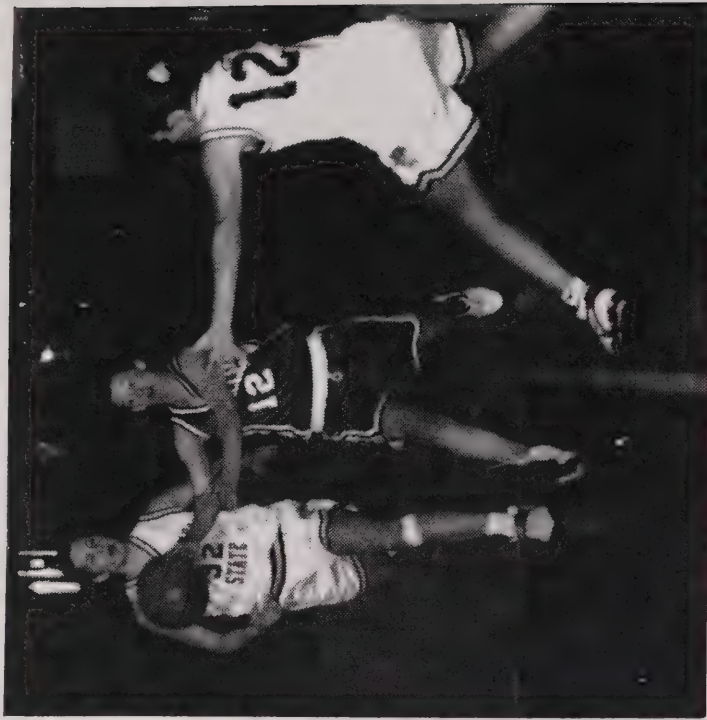
double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Also scoring in double figures was sophomore Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield with 11 points. **Westfield 67 - MCLA 34**

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State women's basketball team improved to 5-1 in the conference and 10-6 overall with a 67-34 rout of Mass. College of the Liberal Arts.

Westfield had two big scoring spurts. The Owls jumped out to a 12-0 lead to start the game. They led 37-27 midway through the second half when they slapped a fullcourt press on the Mohawks and went on a 16-0 scoring spurt to take a commanding 53-37 lead with nine minutes remaining. Westfield stole the ball on seven straight possession during the two-minute scoring surge.

Sophomore Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Owls. Seniors Holly Maines and Kristen Schmaelzle scored 13 and 10 points, respectively.

MCLA shot just 23 percent from the field and fell to 3-11.



Westfield State senior point guard Holly Maines passes to a teammate for another easy score. *File Photo*

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Senior Point Guard

Holly Maines

Leads The Owls

By Tony Staffiere

Feb 1999

Whether she knows it or not, Westfield State's Holly Maines is helping to revolutionize the game of basketball as it heads into a new millennium.

Maines, a 5-9 senior point guard for Rick Berger's Owls, has gone beyond what you would expect the normal role of a point guard. She has become, to borrow a phrase from Dick Vitale, a "lead guard."

The lead guard not only serves passes to teammates on a platter, but takes it upon herself to score points at critical times in games.

"Everyone on the team follows her," said sophomore guard Kelly Lynch. "When Holly is having a good game, the rest of us seem to follow her lead."

Maines is doing just that, leading the Owls this season in scoring (12 points per game), assists (74), free throw percentage (.892), and three-point field goals made (13).

For her outstanding four-year career, the Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y. native (Saugerties High School) is the school's all-time leader in assists (564), steals (279), and free throw shooting (.770).

Asked if she gets more satisfaction out of making a great pass or a shot, Maines will tell you setting up teammates brings her much joy on the basketball floor.

"When you make someone else feel better about their offensive abilities, you feel just as good," she said.

Although Maines' generosity towards teammates may resemble that of Santa Claus on Christmas morning, excuse her if she gets a little greedy in the next couple of games. Heading into last Saturday's game vs. Bridgewater, Maines needed just 27 points to reach the 1,000-point plateau for her career.

"That is something that just happens," said Maines, who is also a standout soccer player for the Owls. "As a point guard you don't expect to do that."

Spoken like a true lead guard.



Senior Point Guard Holly Maines

What Is The CHAMPS/ Life Skills Program?

What is the CHAMPS/Life Skills program? Developed in 1991 by the NCAA Foundation, Challenging Athletes Minds for Personal Success was created to help student-athletes develop academic, athletic, and personal life skills to enhance their lives as members of the student body and of the local community.

The CHAMPS/Life Skills program is committed to academic and athletic excellence, personal development, career development, and community service.

Last year, the Westfield State CHAMPS/Life Skills Task Force produced a newsletter for campus distribution. Because of the strong interest in the program, Westfield was also able to publish an article in the National NCAA CHAMPS/Life skills newsletter. Our program here on campus also has its own web page which gives background information about

CHAMPS/Life Skills and outlines what Westfield is doing as a member of the program. As a member of the program, Westfield is able to send a student-athlete to a leadership conference in Florida in May. Information about the conference and Westfield's nominees

can be found on the web page.

The CHAMPS/Life Skills Task Force will be meeting Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 in Ely 246 to plan spring events. Anyone is welcome to attend and additional student-athletes are encouraged to get involved.

Women's Varsity Athletes To Be Honored Feb. 11

National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD) is a day to call attention to the positive influence of women's sports, to acknowledge past and present achievements, and to advance the struggle for equality and access for women in sports. The theme for 1999 is "All Girls Allowed"

and it pertains not only to having equal access to opportunities but believing and achieving.

Westfield State College will be celebrating NGWSD on Feb. 11. During halftime of the Westfield-Salem women's basketball game on that date, all women's varsity athletes will be honored.

Additionally, a member of each team who exemplifies leadership, athletics and academic balance, team spirit, positive team and school representation, and involvement will be selected a NGWSD Varsity honoree and recognized at halftime.

"This is a special way to honor all varsity female athletes because they have believed in themselves and are leaders on campus," said Nancy Bals, coordinator of the women's athletics programs at Westfield State College.

The Westfield-Salem game begins at 6:00 p.m., with halftime at approximately 6:30.



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Women's Basketball Roundup

Salem Outshoots Westfield

By Kris Graham

Senior guard Terri Niles scored 26 points, and sophomore guard Tracy McKeen added 21 points and a game-high eight rebounds to lead Salem State to a 91-64 women's basketball victory over Westfield State on Thursday.

Salem State, which entered the game ranked second in New England Division III, improved to 19-1 overall and 7-0 in the Mass. State Conference while rolling to its 15th straight win. The Owls dropped to 12-8 and 6-3.

The Owls kept the score close in the first half, but just couldn't take the lead as the Vikings hit 6 of 9 three-pointers, including two treys in the closing seconds that gave them a 38-28 halftime edge.

The Vikings expanded their lead in the second half as they shot 48 percent from the floor, while the Owls only shot 29 percent.

Three-point shooting was a key factor in the game as the Vikings shot 9 for 15 from beyond the arc, while the Owls missed their

only attempt.

"We did and didn't do some of the things that we wanted to do today," said Owls' coach Rick Berger. "We tried to take away their inside game, but that opened up their outside game."

Westfield senior point guard Holly Maines, who scored her 1000th career point in the game, led Westfield with 19 points and 7 rebounds. Senior Kristen Schmaelzle scored 16 points and freshman A.J. LaBelle added 12.

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Worcester Rallies To Nip Owls

Worcester 66 - Westfield 64

WORCESTER - Worcester State rallied from an 11-point deficit with seven minutes remaining to defeat the Westfield State College women's basketball team, 66-64, last Tuesday.

It was Worcester State's first victory over Westfield in seven years. The Lancers improved to 8-11 overall and 4-4 in the Mass. State Conference.

"Worcester State's record is deceptive; they played a lot of teams tough," said Westfield coach Rick Berger. "I knew it was going to be a close game."

After trailing 6-0 at the outset, the Owls held the lead for most of the game. They went on a 13-0 run midway through the first half and took a 36-28 lead into the lockerroom.

Westfield led 54-43 but the host team quickly got back into the game by scoring eight straight points, including two three-point baskets. The Owls were outscored 23-10 in the final seven minutes.

"We stopped playing defense," said Berger, "and we didn't take care of the ball very well on offense (Westfield committed 21 turnovers in the game)."

Kristen Schmaelzle earned her place in Westfield State history by becoming the seventh women's player to score 1,000 career points.

The 5-9 senior forward from Agawam reached the magic milestone by canning a free throw with 10:48 left in the first half. She finished with 21 points and now has 1,014 in her career. Schmaelzle also grabbed eight rebounds and shot 8 for 9 from the field.

Sophomore guard-forward Jamie Vielmetti turned in another monster game. The South Deerfield native ripped the nets for 26 points, making 12 of 17 field goal attempts. She also had a game-high 10 rebounds.

Senior point guard Holly Maines finished with nine points and nine assists.

Senior all conference forward Renee Marcotte led Worcester State with 18 points, nine rebounds, four assists, and three blocks.

Westfield State 72

Bridgewater State 59

Sophomore forward Jamie

Vielmetti of South Deerfield (Frontier Regional High School) poured in a career high 28 points to power the Westfield State women's basketball team to a 72-59 victory over Bridgewater State on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Vielmetti, a 5-9 guard/forward, was 11 for 17 from the field; she also had nine rebounds, six assists and two steals.

Four players scored all but three of Westfield's points. Senior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam posted another double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Freshman forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional) also had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Senior point guard Holly Maines played another fine floor game with 15 points and nine rebounds.

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Schmaelzle, Maines Double Their Pleasure In Scoring 1,000 Career Points

By Tony Staffiere

Feb. 1999

In college basketball when two players on the same team reach the 1,000 point plateau in the same year it is rather special. Westfield State seniors Kristen Schmaelzle and Holly Maines took it one step further: they did it in the same week.

Schmaelzle netted a free throw at the 10:48 mark in the first half of the Owls' Tuesday night tilt at Worcester State. Maines reached the milestone by canning a jump shot from the foul line with 8:42 remaining in the first half against MASCAC power Salem State on Thursday night.

"I'm glad I had someone to share it with," said the Agawam native Schmaelzle, who also is the team's leading rebounder with 8.3 caroms a game. "It took a little bit of the pressure off because we were both doing it at the same time."

The duo joins six former Owls in the 1,000-point club: Ellen Carey ('92), Beth Hennessy ('87), Andrea Bertini ('96), Mary Gibney ('96), Kathy Jekanowski ('96), and current Westfield State assistant coach Amanda Braden ('98), who is also the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,526 points.

"I didn't expect to do this; it is a pleasant surprise," said Maines, Westfield's standout point guard who holds the school's career assist record.

Head Coach Rick Berger wasn't surprised when his two stars achieved the mark together in back-to-back games.

"Kristen's accomplishment is tied to Holly's," said Berger, who is in his ninth year on the Westfield State bench. "Half of Kristen's baskets came on Holly's assists."

Berger is also proud of the unselfishness of the players who have played around the two in their tenure at Westfield.

"The thing that I am most pleased about is that their teammates are genuinely happy for the both of them," Berger said. "When that happened I realized that our kids are unselfish players."

Both Schmaelzle and Maines will try to regroup the Owls after dropping two straight MASCAC contests. They conclude the regular season this week in preparation for the conference postseason tournament, which begins Feb. 23.



Members of the 1998-99 Westfield State women's basketball team in the first row, left to right, are: Meredith Miller, A.J. LaBelle, Ann Whitney, Kristen Schmaelzle, Holly Maines, Christina Neely, Jamie Vielmetti. Second row: assistant coach Nancy Bals, Nicole Harvey, Christie DelleDonne, Laura Fisher, Michaela Blaney, Michelle Chapdelaine, Kristen Mucci, Kelly Lynch, and head coach Rick Berger. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*



Freshman women's basketball player A.J. LaBelle autographs a t-shirt for one of the youngsters who participated in the Take a Kid To The Game program that was held during Westfield State's basketball game on Feb. 6. The program is designed to promote women's sports to local children. *Photo By Andrea Fargen*

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Nan Walker receives a hug from head coach Dave Laing and a bouquet of flowers from assistant coach Andrea Scheele during the Senior Night activities at Westfield State's final swimming and diving meet of the season. Other seniors honored were Lori Lauer and Christine Hornby

Photo By Mickey Curtis



Members of the 1998-99 Westfield State women's swimming and diving team in the first row, left to right, are: Heather Stavros, Kristin Fleming, Amy Fischer, Christine Hornby, Nan Walker, Lori Lauer, Julie Hamel, Sara Bourneuf, Julie Abare, and Jody Stiefel. Second row: head coach Dave Laing, Karen Flaherty, Reanna Leite, Melanie Kirouac, Stephanie Costa, Beth Lentini, Jenn Hedge, Liz Saluti, Joey Maione, and assistant coach Andrea Scheele. Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Men's Basketball Roundup

Feb. 1999

Salem 71 - Westfield 40

A strong defensive effort powered Salem State to a 71-40 decision over the Westfield State men's basketball team last Thursday.

Salem improved to 12-6 overall while the Owls dropped to 4-16.

Salem led 37-21 at halftime and outscored the Owls, 34-19 in the second half. The Vikings limited Westfield to 30 percent shooting from the field, blocked nine shots, and registered 16 steals.

Louis Eaton, a 6-5 junior forward, totaled 10 points, 13 rebounds, six blocks and four steals. Ray Williams posted game-highs of 22 points and five assists.

Adam Manchester was Westfield's only player in double figures with 14 points; he also grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Westfield's concludes its regular season this Saturday when it hosts Western Mass. rival Mass. College of the Liberal Arts at 3:00.

Bridgewater State 77 Westfield State 67

Senior forward Mark Gonsalves scored 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds to power Bridgewater State to a 77-67 over Westfield State.

Bridgewater improved to 13-5 overall and 5-1 in the conference.

Bridgewater led by five, 32-27, at halftime, and the teams played on even terms for most of the second half before the Bears pulled away in the final two minutes with free throws. Bridgewater made 18 of 22 free throws during the game.

Junior forward Jon Mazzone of Little (Acton Boxboro) led Westfield's balanced attack with 16 points. Senior forward Adam Manchester had 14 points and a team-high six rebounds. Freshman Adam Cobb scored 12 points and junior forward Chris Carr added 10 for the Owls, who shot 54 percent from the field.

Worcester 72 - Westfield 53

WORCESTER - The Westfield State men's basketball team suffered a 72-53 loss to Worcester State last Tuesday.

Worcester improved to 14-7 and 7-2.

The Owls trailed by single digits for most the game before the Lancers extended their lead from the foul line in the closing minutes.

Kris Kachelmeyer was Westfield's leading scorer with 10 points, followed by Steve Madelle and Adam Manchester with nine points apiece.

Tom Espinosa led the Lancers with 20 points.

CHAMPS Corner...

By Sara Shepard, Athletic Department Intern

"Why do we have to go to study hall?" is a commonly asked question by many of Westfield State's student athletes. Spending two hours in the library every week is not most students' idea of a good time.

But the truth is that study hall is not only about making sure your homework gets done. Mandatory study halls and attendance at workshops helped bring our

campus closer together last year, because all of our first-year student-athletes helped each other with their schoolwork, and as a result, got to know each other better.

Besides creating a more friendly campus, study halls also help Westfield State fulfill the commitment to academic excellence part of CHAMPS/Life Skills program. Last year, 43% of the varsity student-athletes earned a 3.0 or better grade point average during the spring semester, and 34% finished the year with cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or better. This was one of Westfield State's best academic years for student-athletes.

So, the next time you just don't feel like going to study hall, remember that not only will it help you academically, but it will also bring you closer to your teammates and student-athletes across campus.



This Week's Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 18
Women's Basketball
at Framingham State, 5:30

Men's Basketball
at Framingham State, 5:30

Friday, Feb. 19
Women's Swimming
New England Championships
at Bowdoin College

Saturday, Feb. 20
Women's Basketball
Mass. College, Home, 1:00

Men's Basketball
Mass. College, Home, 3:00

Women's Swimming
New England Championships
at Bowdoin College

Men's Indoor Track
New England D-III Finals
@ Wesleyan

Women's Indoor Track
Smith College Invitational

Sunday, Feb. 21
Women's Swimming
New England Championships
at Bowdoin College

Men's Indoor Track and Field Results

Quad Cup Meet at MIT - February 6, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: MIT 266; Springfield 131; Bates 103;
Westfield 92.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Kyle Rudolph	200	23.4
First	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	43-8 1/2
Second	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	20-7 3/4
Second	Brian Stanton	400	52.5
Second	Matt Collins	600	1:23.5
Second	Kevin LaCoste	1,000	2:37.85
Second		4 x 400 Relay	3:33.43
Third	Mark Martineau	400	52.62
Third		4 x 800 Relay	8:51.95
Fourth	Tom Schreiber	20 lb. weight	47-7 3/4
Fourth	Rick Krupa	Mile	4:34.34
Fourth	Ryan Schmitt	55 Dash	6.82
Fifth	Adam Roche	Mile	4:43.73
Sixth	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	42-3 3/4
Sixth	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	39-11 1/4
Seventh	Matt Guidi	High Hurdles	8.74
Seventh	Matt Guidi	Triple Jump	39-6
Eighth	James Roots	Triple Jump	39-3 1.2
Eighth	Graham Correia	High Jump	5-4

Women's Indoor Track and Field Results

Quad Cup Meet at Smith College - Feb. 6, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Williams 209; Springfield 185; Smith 93;
Mount Holyoke 69; Westfield 41.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Second	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	15-11
Second	Sarah Corriveau	55 Dash	7.9
Third	Andrea Petrolini	400	1:04.73
Third		4 x 400 relay	4:37.62
Fifth	Kelly Gasior	55 Hurdles	9.63
Sixth	Diana Cares	3,000	10:57.69
Sixth	Melissa Merrow	1500	5:09.55
Seventh	Nora Lynch	weight throw	35-9 1/4
Seventh	Sara Sechovicz	600	1:53.87
Seventh	Brigitta Brandt	55 Dash	8.22

Basketball Roundups

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Conners Paces Owls

WESTFIELD - Freshman guard Phil Conners of Lowell scored a career-high 20 points to pace Westfield State to a 76-73 overtime victory over Fitchburg State in men's basketball action Saturday, Feb. 13.

With Westfield leading 72-71 in the overtime, Conners made four consecutive free throws in the final minute. A desperation 25 foot shot by Fitchburg's Michael Reyes fell short at the final buzzer.

Led by Conners, the Owls were hot from three-point range as they made 11 of 23 in the game. Conners canned 4 of 7 from beyond the arc, including two in the second half that helped to rally the Owls from a 48-38 halftime deficit.

Westfield junior forward Adam Manchester of Newton totaled 18 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks before fouling out with 25 seconds left in regulation. Junior forward Chris Carr had 12 points, six assists, four blocks, and a career-high 17 rebounds.

Fitchburg shot a sizzling 63 percent in taking its 10-point halftime lead, but the Falcons cooled off dramatically in the second half, shooting just 21 percent.

Both teams entered the game with identical 4-16 overall records. **Endicott 65 - Westfield 49**

BEVERLY - The Westfield State men's basketball team suf-

fered a 65-49 nonleague loss to Endicott College Feb. 15.

Endicott, 13-8, jumped out to a 35-23 halftime lead.

Only five players scored for the Owls, led by Kris Kachelmeyer's 15 points. Adam Manchester scored 13 points and freshman Jeff Perham had a season-high 12 points.

Women's College Basketball Westfield 88 - Fitchburg 52

WESTFIELD - Senior standout point guard Holly Maines recorded 21 points, 10 assists, six rebounds and two steals to power the Westfield State women's basketball team to an 88-52 rout of Fitchburg State.

Westfield improved to 13-8 overall and 7-3 in the Mass. State Conference. Fitchburg dropped to 4-17 and 0-9.

The Owls had five players in double figures. Freshman forward A.J. Labelle of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional) recorded a double-double with 16 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Jamie Vielmetti scored 11 points, and senior forward Kristen Schmaelzle and freshman guard Kristen Mucci tallied 10 apiece.

Senior forward Brandee Burnap, Fitchburg native, led the losers with team highs of 11 points and seven rebounds.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 23
Womens' Basketball
 MASCAC Playoffs, Home, 7:00
Men's Basketball
 MASCAC Playoffs, Away, 7:00
Thursday, Feb. 25
 or **Friday, Feb. 26**
 MASCAC Basketball Semis, TBA
Saturday, Feb. 27
Men's/Women's Basketball
 MASCAC Championships, TBD
Men's Indoor Track and Field
 All New England Finals @ B.U.
Women's Indoor Track and Field
 New England Division 3 Finals
 at Smith College

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Men Indoor Track Team Runner-up In Alliance

The Westfield State men finished a close second in the New England Alliance indoor track and field championships held Feb. 14 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

Keene State finished first with 123 points followed by Westfield State with 117 and Eastern Connecticut with 66.3.

Westfield State had been a slight favorite to defend the Alliance crown it won in 1998, but a number of Owls weren't at full strength because of illnesses. Additionally, Westfield lost 16 points in two events due to disqualifications.

Stars of the day were Ryan Schmitt, Kevin LaCoste and Matt Collins. Collins provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III national championships in Ohio by winning the 400 in 49.82, nearly three seconds faster than the runner-up.

Schmitt earned 22 points in three events, finishing first in the long jump (21-1 1/4); second in the triple jump (42-10 3/4); and fourth in the 200 (23.65).

LaCoste accumulated 18 points with a first in the 1000 (2:40.95), and a second in the 1500 (4:06.46). Also placing first was the 4 x 400 relay of Brian Stanton, Mike Vatcher, Mark Martineau, and Collins.

Veteran throw Tom Schreiber was second in the shot put and third in the 20 pound weight throw. Mike Vatcher was second in the 600 and third in the long jump.

Men's Indoor Track and Field Results

New England Alliance Championships
@ Reggie Lewis Center, Boston, Feb. 14, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Keene State 123; Westfield State 117; Eastern Connecticut 66.33; Fitchburg State 62.67; UMass Dartmouth 59; UMass Boston 54; Salem State 31; Worcester State 10.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Matt Collins	400	49.82
First	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	21-1 1/4
First	Kevin LaCoste	1,000	2:40.95
First	Brian Stanton, Mark Martineau, Mike Vatcher, Matt Collins	4 x 400 Relay	3:27.49
Second	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:06.46
Second	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	42-10 3/4
Second	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	42-6
Second	Mike Vatcher	600	1:27.35
Second	Tim Trull, Eric Nygard, Marco Ianello, Kevin LaCoste	4 x 800 Relay	9:08.74
Second	Kyle Rudolph	50 Dash	6.67
Third	Marco Ianello	600	1:28.77
Third	Tom Schreiber	20 lb. weight throw	45-11 1/4
Third	Mike Vatcher	Long Jump	19-6 1/4
Fourth	Ryan Schmitt	200	23.65
Fourth	Matt Collins	High Jump	5-10
Fifth	Graham Correia	High Jump	5-10
Fifth	Tim Trull	800	2:05.03
Sixth	Rick Krupa	3000	9:25.31

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Kevin LaCoste, right, finished first in the 1000 meter run and second in the 1500 at the New England Alliance indoor track and field championships. Also pictured from Westfield is Tim Trull.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Women's Indoor Track and Field Results

New England Alliance Championships
at Reggie Lewis Center, Boston, Feb. 14, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield State 144; Southern Maine 120;
Rhode Island College 75; UMass Dartmouth 48; Fitchburg 47;
Eastern Connecticut 32; Salem State 21; Keene State 14.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Melissa Merrow	3000	11:13.7
First	Jessica Corriveau, Sara Corriveau, Andrea Petrolini, Kelly Gasior	4 x 200 Relay	1:55.3
Second	Deanna Thomas	High Jump	5-0
Second	Starr Dziengelewski	3000	11:18.06
Second	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:02.73
Second	Karen Bardani	600	1:51.03
Second	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	32-9 1/2
Second	Diana Cares	1000	3:16.03
Second	Diana Cares	1500	5:05.69
Second	Andrea Petrolini, Jessica Corriveau, Sara Corriveau, Karen Bardani	4 x 400 Relay	4:26.74
Third	Lisa Roy	1000	3:19.41
Third	Nora Lynch	weight throw	37-2 1/2
Third	Lisamarie Walsh	600	1:52.61
Third	Kelly Gasior	55 Hurdles	9.82
Third	Sarah Corriveau	Triple Jump	30-1
Third	Alison Carnie	800	2:35.04
Fourth	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	15-7 3/4
Fourth	Sara Sechovicz	800	2:35.69
Fourth	Sarah Corriveau	55 Dash	7.83
Fourth	Alison Carnie	1500	5:15.19
Fourth	Andrea Petrolini	400	1:04.07
Fifth	Shannan Chalmers	800	2:37.46
Fifth	Sarah Corriveau	200	28.15

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Women's Track & Field Team Wins Alliance Championship

BOSTON - The Westfield State women defended their New England Alliance indoor track and field championship at the Reggie Lewis Center Feb. 14.

Westfield scored 144 points in the eight-team field, 24 better than Southern Maine. Rhode Island College was third with 75 points.

"The women did a great job," said veteran coach Gerry Gravel.

Domination in the long distance runs and overall depth keyed

the victory. Westfield scored 70 points in five events (600, 800, 1000, 1500, and 3000). Southern Maine, meanwhile, scored 28 points in the five races.

The Owls only placed first in two events, but they racked up eight second places, six third places, and five fourth places.

Westfield's lone individual winner was Melissa Merrow in the 3000 with a time of 11:13.7. Also finishing first was the 4 x 200 relay

team of Jessica Corriveau, Sarah Corriveau, Andrea Petrolini, and Kelly Gasior.

Junior Diana Cares turned in a strong showing, finishing second in both the 1000 and the 1500. Sarah Corriveau placed individually in four events: (triple jump, third); (long jump, fourth); (55 dash, fifth); and 200 (fifth). Nora Lynch was second in the shot put and third in the weight throw.

WSC to host Schick Super Hoops

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SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

Parenzo Gym will be a busy place this Saturday, Feb. 27, when Westfield State hosts Schick Super Hoops, the largest collegiate 3-on-3 basketball tournament in the country.

Run by the college's intramurals department, Schick Super Hoops, now in its 15th year, is open to all Westfield State students and staff who do not play varsity basketball.

In addition to T-shirts and EA Sports NBA Live 99 video games, the winners of the men's and women's divisions will get a chance to compete at the regional tournament at Northeastern University.

All campus winners are also listed in an issue of Sport Magazine, and are posted on the Schick Super Hoops website.

"This is the third year I've been involved in the tournament, and it's always been fun," said Jesse Adams, intramurals director.

Registration for the tournament will begin at

noon in Parenzo Gym, and the games begin at 12:30 p.m.

The Schick Super Hoops tournament is not the only thing keeping Westfield's intramurals department busy this year. Having the swimming pool available after a two-year hiatus has allowed the department to offer some water sports this winter, like water basketball and water polo.

And while indoor soccer remains the most popular winter sport, candlepin bowling is slowly making a comeback.

But Adams says that some of the more alternative sports, like coed volleyball, aren't seeing too much participation yet.

"Students don't know what the sport involves, and so they are reluctant to try it," Adams said.

Adams also thinks that overall participation in intramurals is changing because students have to devote more time to classes and outside jobs, and don't have time for a lot of extracurricular activities.

The intramural depart-

ment is doing all it can to accommodate the students who are interested in intramurals but are either too intimidated or too busy to get involved.

Adams hopes that by next year, the department will have the intramurals schedule and background information about the program available on the web. The department is also distributing a questionnaire to Westfield State students to find out what sports they enjoy and why they do or do not participate in intramurals.

Although no new sports are being offered next year, Adams is hoping that soon the department will have the space, staff, and resources to accommodate some different sports.

But until then, the intramurals department will keep improving the program already in place.

"Intramurals is an opportunity to have fun, relax, and play a sport without all the demands of varsity competition," Adams said. "It's a time to enjoy yourself."

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Westfield State women's basketball players, left to right, Ann Whitney, Kristen Schmaelzle and Holly Maines were honored along with their parents during Senior Recognition Day before the regular season home finale on Feb. 20. Schmaelzle also was cited for being selected Mass. State Conference and the New England Player of the Week for her fine performances during the final week of the regular season. *Photo By Matt Dasso*

March 1999 **Women's Basketball Advances To MASCAC Tournament Semifinals**

Senior Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam posted game highs of 21 points and 15 rebounds to lead Westfield State College to a 77-48 victory over Fitchburg State in the quarterfinals of the Mass. State Conference women's basketball postseason tournament last Tuesday.

The Owls, 16-8 overall, faced Worcester State in the tournament semifinals this past Friday at Salem State. The championship game was slated for Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Schmaelzle also had three assists, a block and three steals, and canned 9 of 13 field goal attempts. She leads the conference in field goal shooting with an impressive .591 percentage.

Freshman forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional) also had a double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Senior point guard Holly Maines of Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y., contributed 10 points and six steals in the balanced attack.

Senior guard Sarah Harding of Ashburnham (Oakmont) was the only Fitchburg player in double figures with 17 points, including three 3-point baskets. The 4-21 Falcons trailed 39-21 at halftime and only shot 27 percent from the field.

Westfield 93 - Framingham 46

The Westfield women posted an impressive 93-46 road victory. Westfield began pulling away late in the first half and outscored the

Rams, 55-20, in the second half.

Senior Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam poured in 23 points; she made 9 of 10 field goal attempts. Senior point guard Holly Maines nearly posted a triple-double with 18 points, 10 assists and eight steals. Freshman A.J. LaBelle also had a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Westfield 86 - Mass. College 39

Senior Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam tied a career high with 24 points and sophomore Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield tied a school record with 13 assists to lead the Westfield State women's basketball team to an 86-39 victory over an undermanned Mass. College of Liberal Arts team.

Westfield improved to 15-8 overall and placed second in the Mass. State Conference with a 9-3 record.

MCLA finished 2-10 in the conference and 4-18 overall.

Sparked by Vielmetti's nine first-half assists, most coming on dazzling passes, the Owls took a 50-19 into the lockerroom. Westfield shot a sizzling 65 percent from the field in the first half and 57 percent for the game.

Westfield senior point guard Holly Maines nearly had another triple-double with 13 points, seven assists and seven steals. A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield scored 10 points and senior Ann Whitney of North Adams finished with eight points and a team-high eight rebounds in her final regular season home game.

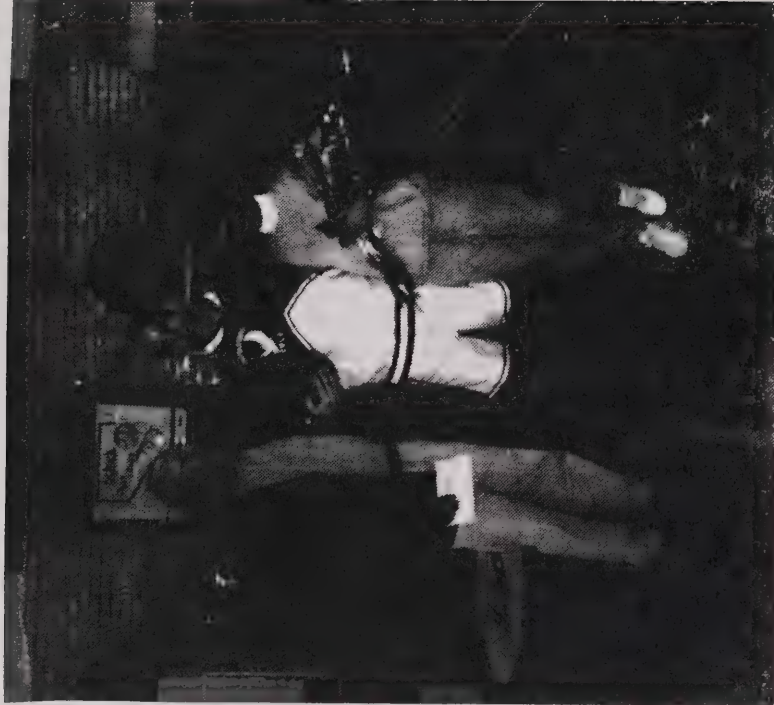
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National Girls and Women In Sports Day Celebrated

Senior Maureen Kennedy of the Westfield State softball team proudly displays the shirt she received during the National Girls and Women in Sports Day ceremonies held at halftime of the women's basketball game vs. Salem State. Other varsity athletes honored for possessing qualities that makes women's sports successful included: Jamie Vielmetti, basketball; Seana Peterson, cheering; Melissa Merrow, cross country; Erica Pratt, field hockey; Melanie Kirouac, soccer; Nan Walker, swimming; Sarah Corriveau, track and field; Sara Woodcock, volleyball; and Kelly Copperthite, athletic training.

Photo By Andrea Fargen



Steve Madelle, the only senior on this year's men's basketball team, is greeted by his parents at midcourt during the Senior Recognition Day held during the Owls' final home game of the season on Feb. 20. *Photo By Matt Dasso*

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Men's Basketball Roundup

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Worcester 77 - Westfield 58

WORCESTER - Worcester State pulled away in the second half to defeat Westfield State, 77-58, in the opening round of the Mass. State Conference men's basketball postseason tournament last Tuesday.

Worcester, 16-9, advances to Saturday's semifinals vs. top-seeded Salem State. Westfield finished its season at 6-19 under first-year coach Rich Sutter.

The Owls only trailed by six points, 29-23, at halftime, but they were outscored 48-35 in the final 20 minutes.

Adam Manchester led Westfield with 18 points and six rebounds. Freshman guards Phil Conners and Jeff Perham scored 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Forward Wayne Russell scored a game-high 21 for the Lancers, who shot 30 percent from the field in the first half but improved to 53 percent in the second half.

Westfield 75 - Framingham 50

FRAMINGHAM - The Westfield State men avenged an earlier loss by dominating Framingham, 75-50. The Owls shot 55 percent from the field in their balanced attack and also turned in a strong defensive effort.

Senior forward Adam

Manchester recorded game highs of 17 points and 14 rebounds. Senior forward Steve Madelle and sophomore forward Adam Cobb both had season highs with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Mass. College 68 - Westfield 61

Mass. College survived an upset bid by holding on for a 68-61 men's basketball victory over Western Mass. rival Westfield State on Saturday, Feb. 20.

The tough victory gave MCLA a share of the regular season Mass. State Conference championship with Salem State. The Mohawks finished with a 10-2 league mark and 16-8 overall, but they are the No. 2 seed in the conference's postseason tournament. Salem earned the No. 1 seed by having a better overall record.

Westfield finished the regular season 6-18 and 3-9 in the conference to earn the No. 5 seed.

The Owls battled back from two big deficits to scare the Mohawks. MCLA jumped out to a 17-2 lead six minutes into the game, but the Owls turned up their defense and trailed at the half, 34-30.

Westfield slumped again at the outset of the second half and trailed 54-37 with 10:11 remaining. But foul trouble plagued the

Mohawks as Westfield closed to within three points, 64-61. The Owls had a chance to tie the game but Jeff Perham's three-point attempt was way off the mark with 16.9 seconds remaining.

Free throws got Westfield back into the game but they also were their Achilles heel. The Owls made 30 of 49 free throws, including 19 of 34 in the second half when they were held to just six field goals.

Turnovers plagued both teams in the hard-fought contest with MCLA committing 28 and Westfield 27.

Junior guard Pete Whitmore of Orange (Mahar Regional) led the winners with 19 points and six steals; he was 8 for 9 from the field. Senior forward Josh Thielen of nearby Montgomery (Gateway Regional), the conference's leading scorer, struggled to score 15 points as he was 4 of 15 from the field (2 of 9 three-pointers) and 5 of 10 from the foul line. Freshman guard Bobby Fortes of Palmer tallied 11 points, five assists and five steals.

Senior forward Adam Manchester of Newton led the Owls with game highs of 20 points and nine rebounds. Freshman guard Phil Conners of Lowell scored 16 points, including a perfect 12-for-12 from the foul line.

One-on-One

An Interview With Assistant Basketball Coach Ed Winch

By Tony Staffiere

Despite going 6-19 this season, the Westfield State men's basketball program was a part of basketball history. This history came in the form of first-year assistant coach Ed Winch.

Through the years, this 58-year-old hoops junkie has traveled a journey through basketball history that most of us only read about in books.

Winch's storied run through Dr. Naismith's game has taken him from a schoolboy standout at Rye High School (N.Y.), to the University of Houston, where he became a starter as a sophomore and played beside the likes of Elvin "The Big E" Hayes and Don Chaney. Before coming to Westfield State, Winch was the head coach at Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C. In addition, Winch served as an assistant at Westchester Community College and the Merchant Marine Academy, both in New York.

The following is a recent interview conducted with Winch at his home in Westfield.

Q: Who has influenced you the most in your life?

A: "Jack Curran (current Archbishop Malloy High School, N.Y. varsity basketball and baseball coach, and one of the winningest coaches in the country in both sports). He is one the most unbelievable human beings I have ever met. I remember my Mom saying "if you are ever going to pattern yourself after anybody, you've got the greatest pattern in the world in Coach Curran." The man gets up at 5 a.m., seven days a week to attend Mass, and I asked him one time why he did that and he said "I can't think of a better way to start off my day." The man took a vested interest in me as a student and an athlete and I don't think I'd have gone on to play collegiate athletics if it weren't for him."

Q: What is your favorite basketball memory?

A: "I've been pretty lucky to have numerous memories, but if I had to pick one I would say it was the year I met Coach Curran and that summer him taking me to Camp All-American in Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N.Y. The camp was run and owned by Clair Bee, Hall of Fame coach at Long Island University. Here I was a kid and I found myself at the finest basketball camp in the United States, being taught by legends like Buck Freeman (St. John's and North Carolina), Adolph Rupp (Kentucky), Frank McGuire (North Carolina), and Lou Carnesecca (St. John's), and it didn't cost me a dime."



Tony Staffiere, right, trades stories with men's basketball assistant coach Ed Winch. Photo By Mickey Curtis

Q: Who in this world would you most like to sit down with over a cup of coffee that you haven't already?

A: "Mother Theresa. The woman just gave of herself and never asked for anything in return. She has got to be one of the most unselfish human beings who ever walked the face of the Earth."

Q: What is the best advice you've ever received?

A: "Jack Curran told me once that basketball shouldn't be your whole world. Basketball should be a tool for you to use to get an education."

Q: What is the best advice you have ever given someone else?

A: "99.9% of all our problems can be solved by looking in the mirror. All our own problems are caused by ourselves."

Q: What is the best thing about working at Westfield State?

A: "Being on a college campus with young, energetic, and friendly students. I walk around the campus and talk to people here and I can really feel how gentle and sincere they are."

Q: Is there anything in life you would like to do that you haven't already?

A: "I would love to have a head coaching job that paid me a salary in which my wife would never have to go to work again. She works hard and sacrifices a lot for me and at our age we're not supposed to be sacrificing anymore."

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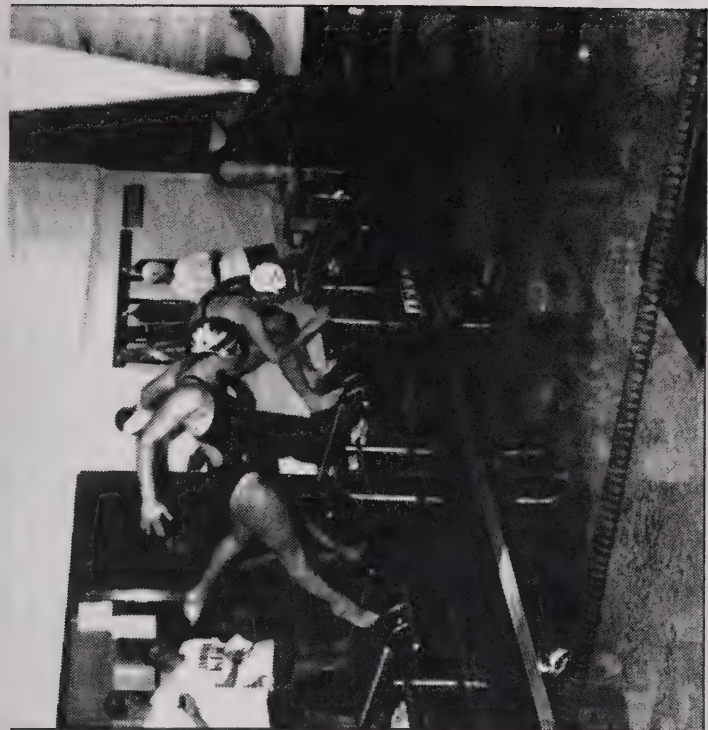
By Sarah Shepard

Westfield State's varsity competition cheering squad added to its terrific season with a second place finish in the USA Wildcats Allstars tournament at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., Feb. 20.

The squad competed against three schools in the college division, beating Division I University of Rhode Island and St. Anselm's College. The tournament was host to 65 teams overall, in a variety of different divisions.

"The team really pulled it together, especially after only two practices with a new replacement member," said Lisa Moskow, competition cheering coach.

The squad will next compete against 12 teams in the New England College Cheer Championship at Southern Connecticut State University on Sunday, Feb. 28.



Westfield State senior Lori Lauer explodes out of the starting blocks during a recent home meet. Lauer set two school records at the New England Division 3 championships. She was the first Westfield State swimmer to go under 5:30 in the 500 freestyle (5:29.73), and reset her record in the 200 freestyle (2:03.36). Lauer also anchored the 400 relay with a personal best of 57.31 for 100 yards. "Being a senior you want to go out on a high note and she rose to the occasion," said coach Dave Laing. "She swam well every time she went into the pool." The Owls finished 23rd in the highly competitive meet. "All of the girls swam well," said Laing. "Our relay teams did particularly well against some of the state schools that had beaten us during the dual meet season."

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CHAMPS Corner...

By Sarah Shepard - Athletics Department Student Intern



Did you know that Westfield State is one of the first colleges in the CHAMPS/Life Skills program to have a CHAMPS website?

Our CHAMPS/Life Skills web page was designed to give our student-athletes information about study hall, but it also includes some background information about the program itself and NCAA Leadership Conference information.

Nancy Bals, Assistant Athletic Director, attended the 1999 Continuing Education Conference in San Diego last weekend to give a presentation on creating a CHAMPS page for programs at other colleges. Bals and the coordinator of CHAMPS/Life Skills at the University of Arizona, who has an extensive web page (www.u.arizona.edu/~cats), discussed the basics of creating and designing a web page, and why it is beneficial to the CHAMPS/Life Skills program.

"I was the guinea pig because I had just went through the process of creating the page," Bals said. "It was my role in the presentation to emphasize that how easy, yet powerful, it is to create a page."

Westfield's CHAMPS/Life Skills page is located at bondowsc.mass.edu/dept/athletics/champs.

Men's Indoor Track

New England Division 3 Championships

@ Wesleyan University, Feb. 20, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Williams 103.5; 2. MIT 86; 3. Wheaton 68;
4. Amherst 62; 15. Westfield 10.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Matt Collins	400	50.19
Seventh	Kyle Rudolph	55 Dash	6.92
Seventh	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:40.99
Seventh		4 x 400 Relay	3:29.1
Seventh	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	12.84 meters
Eighth	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	6.48 meters
12th	Mark Martineau	600	1:32.24



Westfield State junior Matt Collins won the 400 meter dash at the New England Division 3 indoor track and field championships held Feb. 20 at Wesleyan University. Collins has qualified provisionally for the NCAA Division 3 national championships, which will be held March 12-13 at Ohio Northern. This past weekend he competed in the All New England championships at Boston University.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Indoor Track Results

Smith College Last Chance Invitational
at Northampton, Feb. 20, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: No teams scores were recorded.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Tom Schreiber	20 lb. weight throw	47-5 3/4
Second	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	40-7 1/2
Third	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:02.76
Third		4 x 200 Relay	1:54.69
Sixth	Nora Lynch	20 lb. weight throw	40-9
Sixth	Jim Dowd	55 Dash	7.18
Seventh	Jim Dowd	Triple Jump	45-5 1/4
10th	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	15-1 1/4
12th	Andrea Petrolini	400	1:04.6
13th	Karen Bardani	600	1:52.9

One-on-One

An Interview With Women's Basketball Star Kristen Schmaelzle

By Tony Staffiere
Sports Information Department Intern

March 1999

When one thinks of dominating centers on the basketball court, he or she thinks of human skyscrapers well above six feet with long arms and limbs. Westfield State senior Kristen Schmaelzle has all but dismissed that basketball myth.

The first-team all MASCAC selection simply overpowered her competition in the low post despite being a shade over 5-7. Schmaelzle was a fiery .602 percent from the field on the season to lead the conference and rank in the top 10 nationally in NCAA Division III. The Agawam native also dropped in 387 points (14.9 ppg.) and ripped down 207 caroms (8.0) in her final season in an Owl uniform.

The following is an interview conducted with Schmaelzle on the Westfield State campus.

Q: What has four years of collegiate athletics meant to you?

A: Athletics has been a great influence on my life. Most of all, it is the people I have met and shared experiences with that I'll remember.

Q: Who has influenced you the most in your life?

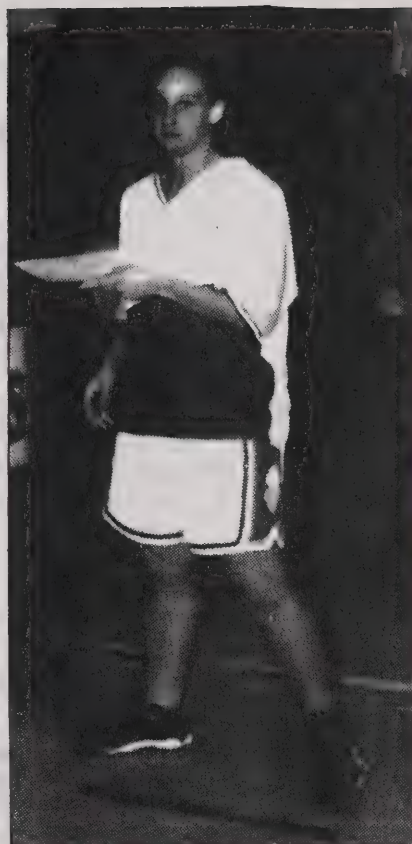
A: My high school coach Lou Conte (Agawam). He was also my middle school Phys. Ed teacher. He taught me not to be selfish as a basketball player and to do anything on the floor to help your team win.

Q: What is your favorite basketball memory?

A: When Caitlin Foley (former WSC player) hit a shot at the buzzer and we beat Salem State my sophomore year. That was unbelievable; I won't forget it.

Q: What is the best advice you have ever received?

A: I have gotten a lot of good advice over the years. But, I would have to say doing your best all the time no matter what you do.



Kristen Schmaelzle receives her certificate for being selected first team all conference.

Q: Who in this world would you most want to sit down with over a cup of coffee that you haven't already?

A: Michael Jordan. I'd want to listen to what he went through to become a basketball star. Also, how he was cut from his high school team and becoming so successful. I'd ask him if he enjoyed all the publicity he received and would he have played even if he wasn't getting it all. I'd also want to know what it is like to be one of the best basketball players ever.

Q: What are your career aspirations?

A: To be an elementary school teacher. I want to work with first and second grade kids. Through my experiences I have found that I love helping them learn.

Q: Would you ever consider a career in basketball?

A: Yes, I want to be a head coach at the high school level. I don't really want to coach at the college level because it is too time consuming.

Q: Is there anything in life you would like to do that you haven't done already?

A: I don't think so. Up until now I have done everything I have wanted to do. There is nothing I have a desire to do in the future, but if something comes up I will do it. I am just enjoying everything that I have now.

Track and Field Results

The Westfield State College men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed in separate meets on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Several members of the men's team participated in the All New England championships at Boston University.

Running against athletes from all divisions, junior Matt Collins finished eighth in the 400 with a time of 49.51, which qualifies him provisionally for the NCAA Division III national championships. The automatic qualifying time for the NCAA finals is 49.24, which Collins was attempting to run at this past weekend's ECAC championships.

Westfield's 4 x 400 relay team

also competed in the All New England. Even though it did not place the squad ran its best time of the season (3:23.48), with Collins running a 48.6 anchor. The NCAA automatic qualifying time is 3:20.

The Westfield State women's team competed in the New England Division III championships, held at Smith College.

Earning the team's only two points with a seventh place was Jessica Corriveau in the 400 with a 1:01.41 clocking.

Other participants included: Sarah Corriveau, 12th, 200, 27.59; Diana Cares, 12th, 5,000, 18:49.82; Sarah Corriveau, 14th, long jump, 15.3/4; and the 4 x 200 relay, 1:54.8.

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Varsity Athletes Study Hall
Three days per week
(Sunday, Monday, Wednesday)
from 7 to 9 p.m.

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1999 Spring Sports Schedule

DATE	MEET	PLACE
March 27	Wesleyan Invitational	Middletown
April 3	Trinity Invitational	Hartford
April 10	Smith Invitational	Northampton
April 17	Springfield Invitational	Springfield
April 22-23	Penn Relays	Philadelphia
April 24	MASCAC/Alliance Championships	Philadelphia
		UMass Dartmouth
May 1	N.E. Division 3 Finals	Springfield
May 8	ECAC Championships	Williams
May 15	RPI Invitational	Troy, NY
May 19-22	NCAA Division 3 Championships	Baldwin Wallace, Berea, Ohio

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CHAMPS Corner...

By Sarah Shepard



Attention all juniors and seniors! The Department of Career Services will be sponsoring a workshop for Westfield State student-athletes on March 31, 1999 at 7:30 in the SGA room.

This workshop is mandatory for junior and senior student athletes who are currently in season, but anyone is welcome to attend. Freshmen who attend may count the workshop as a study hall.

The workshop will include information about developing a résumé, finding an internship, applying to graduate schools, and conducting a successful job search. The program is a great way to start planning for after graduation.

For more information, call the Department of Career Services at ext. 5206 or Nancy Bals at ext. 5515.

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Westfield State College athletics director Ken Magarian meets with members of the varsity baseball team to discuss rules and regulations for the upcoming season. The baseball team heads to Fort Myers, Fla., this Friday, March 12, for its six consecutive spring training trip in the Sunshine State. The Owls have a nine-game schedule that includes colleges from New Jersey and the Midwest. The Westfield State College softball team will be training in Florida for the second consecutive year in the Jacksonville area.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Maines, Schmaelzle, Vielmetti

Three Women Named All Conference

March 1999

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Three members of the Westfield State College women's basketball team were 1999 Mass. State all-conference selections.

First-team selections were senior point guard Holly Maines of Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y., and senior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam. Sophomore forward Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield was a second-team selection.

Maines is a four-time all-conference pick, and a three-time first-team selection. The 5-9 point guard led the league in assists (5.7 per game), steals (3.1) and free throw shooting (85 percent, 57 of 67). She ranked second in scoring for the Owls, averaging 12.7 points per game.

Maines, also a three-time all-conference selection in soccer, scored 1,098 career points. She holds school records for career assists (626), career steals (313), assists in a season (196 in 1997), career free throw percentage (.773), and season free throw percentage (.871 in 1996).

Schmaelzle, a second-team all-

conference pick last season, also completed a stellar four-year collegiate career. She dominated the low post her senior season despite her lack of height (5-7 1/2). Schmaelzle finished with 1,161 career points to rank fifth on Westfield's all-time scoring chart, and set school records for field goal percentage in a season (.602 this year) and in a career (.511).

Schmaelzle was nearly unstoppable during the final month of the season. She averaged 18.9 points and 8.3 rebounds during the final 12 games while shooting 68 percent from the field and 84 percent from the foul line. She finished first in the conference in field goal shooting, third in scoring (14.9), and seventh in rebounding (7.0).

Vielmetti emerged as a future

star for the Owls based on stellar sophomore showing. The Frontier Regional High School product averaged 11.5 points per game and ranked second in the conference in assists per game (4.7). The 5-9 "point forward" also averaged 5.5 rebounds per game and ranked seventh in the conference in field goal shooting (46 percent) and sixth in free throw shooting (73 percent).

1999 Spring

Schedules

Men's Track and Field

DATE	MEEI	PLACE
March 27	Wesleyan Invitational	Middletown
April 3	Trinity Invitational	Hartford
April 10	Smith Invitational	Northampton
April 17	Springfield Invitational	Springfield
April 22-23	Penn Relays	Philadelphia
April 24	MASCAC/Alliance Championships	UMass Dartmouth
May 1	Williams Tri-Meet w/MIT	Williamstown
May 8	New England Div. 3 Finals	Colby
May 14-15	New England Finals	U of Maine
May 15	RPI Invitational	Troy, NY
May 19-22	NCAA Division 3 Championships	Baldwin Wallace, Berea, Ohio

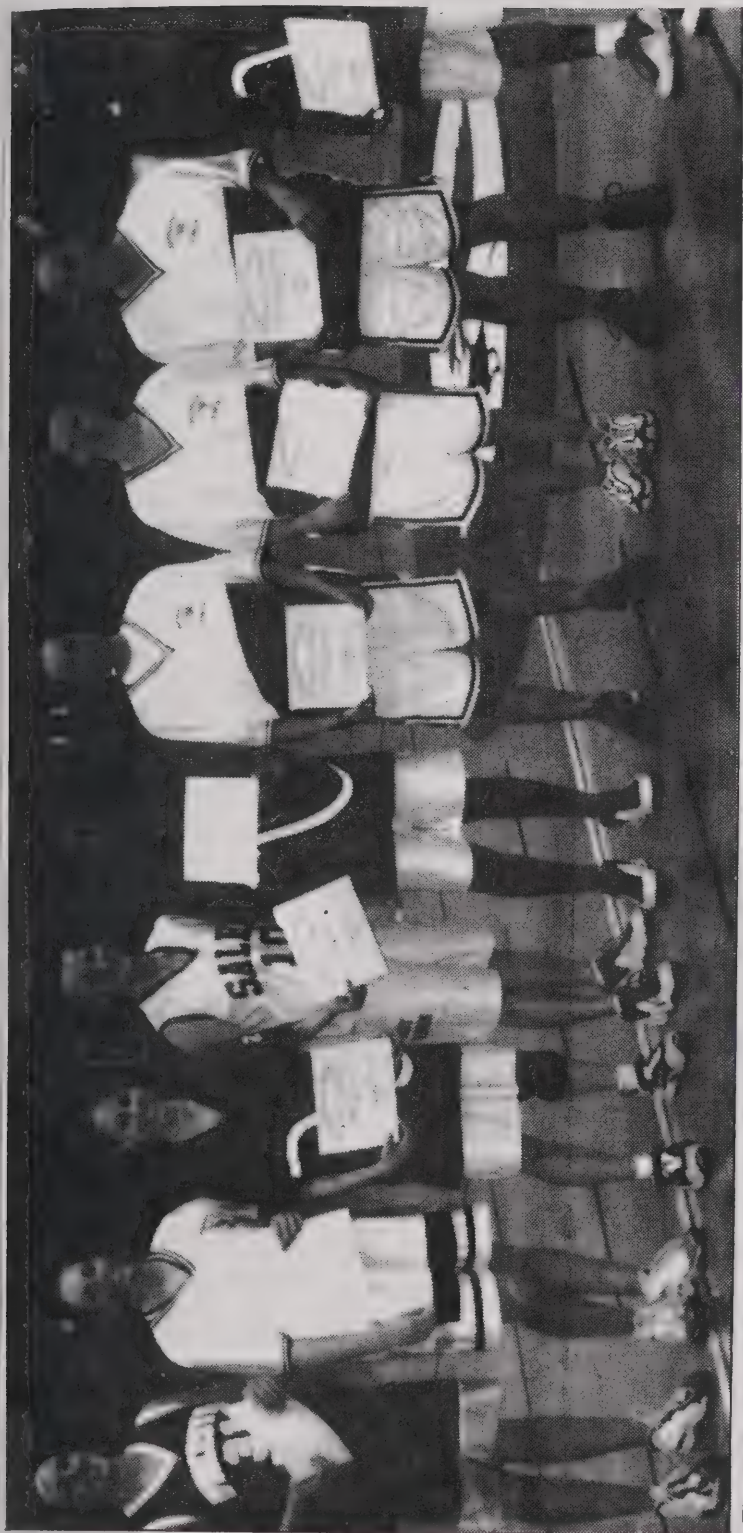
Baseball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
March		
Tue. 23	at Springfield	3:00
Sat. 27	SALEM STATE (2)	12:00
Tue. 30	AIC	3:00
April		
Tue. 1	at Keene State	3:00
Sat. 3	at Bridgewater State (2)	12:00
Tue. 6	EASTERN CONNECTICUT	3:30
Wed. 7	WESTERN NEW ENGLAND	3:30
Sat. 10	FRAMINGHAM STATE (2)	12:00
Wed. 14	WESLEYAN	3:30
Sat. 17	MASS. COLLEGE (2)	12:00
Mon. 19	at Fitchburg State (2)	12:00
Tue. 20	at Western Connecticut	4:00
Thu. 22	at Amherst	3:30
Sat. 24	at Worcester State (2)	12:00
Mon. 26	WILLIAMS	3:30
Tue. 27	TRINITY	3:30
Thu. 29	at Albertus Magnus	3:30
May		
Sat. 1	at Mass Maritime (2)	12:00

Softball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
March		
Thu. 25	BECKER	4:00
Sat. 27	SALEM STATE (2)	12:00
Tue. 30	at Smith	4:15
April		
Thu. 1	ELMS	4:00
Sat. 3	at Bridgewater State (2)	12:00
Thu. 8	at Western Connecticut (2)	3:30
Sat. 10	FRAMINGHAM STATE (2)	12:00
Tue. 13	SPRINGFIELD (2)	3:00
Thu. 15	KEENE STATE (2)	3:00
Sat. 17	MASS. COLLEGE (2)	12:00
Mon. 19	at Fitchburg State (2)	12:00
Thu. 22	at Amherst (2)	3:30
Sat. 24	at Worcester State (2)	12:00
Tue. 27	at Wheaton (2)	3:00
Thu. 29	at Albertus Magnus (2)	3:30
May		
Sat. 1	at Mass Maritime (2)	12:00

March 1999



The 1999 women's basketball all conference team was announced at the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament held in Salem. Receiving their all conference certificates, from left to right, were: Renee Marcotte, Worcester; Erin Hurley, Bridgewater; Melissa Smock, Salem; Terri Niles, Salem; Adrienne Johnson, Salem; Jamie Vielmetti, Westfield; Holly Maines, Westfield; Kristen Schmaelzle, Westfield; and Dee Jackson, Salem, who was named Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. Missing are Worcester's Sherri Kelly, and Framingham's Jen Brown and Kathy Lynch.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Salem Stops Westfield In Conference Hoop Finals

SALEM - The Westfield State women's basketball team came up short again to long-time nemesis Salem State as the Vikings posted a 70-58 victory in the Mass. State Conference tournament championship game.

Westfield and Salem have met in the championship game for nine consecutive seasons, with Salem winning eight titles. The perennial power and nationally ranked Vikings are 25-1 this season with 20 straight victories. They now advance to the NCAA Tournament, while the Owls finished their 17-9.

Westfield jumped out to an early 8-2 lead, but the Owls' shooting suddenly went cold, and they had difficulty handling the ball with 14 first-half turnovers.

Salem led 34-25 at halftime and extended its lead to as many as 20 points in the second half. Salem junior guard Dee Jackson, two-time conference Player of the Year, led all scorers with 26 points, including 18 in the second half.

Westfield was led once again by senior Kristen Schmaelzle; she scored 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to end her outstanding collegiate career in style. Sophomore forward Jamie Vielmetti scored 13 points and senior point guard Holly Maines totaled 10 points, five assists and four steals.

Westfield 75 - Worcester 56

Westfield advanced to the championship game with an impressive 75-56 victory over Worcester State in the semifinals.

Schmaelzle poured in career-high 28 points; she was nearly unstoppable, scoring on a variety of low-post moves in making 12 of 14 field goal attempts.

Maines contributed 12 points, eight assists, six rebounds and three steals. Vielmetti scored 15 points and freshman forward A.J. LaBelle of Mohawk Regional added 10 in the balanced attack.

Worcester led early but was held without a field goal during a nine-minute span and trailed at halftime, 32-19.

The teams had split the season series, with Worcester rallying from an 11-point deficit with seven minutes remaining to upset Westfield 66-64, three weeks ago.

SPORTS

Men's Basketball Team Completes Mission

By Tony Staffiere

Sports Information Department Student Intern

Back on Oct. 22, 14 young men from Westfield State set out on a mission that would last five months. The mission was the game of basketball.

This fine group of young men sacrificed 13 week-ends out of the year for a brand new coaching staff, which was fairly new to the profession at the college level.

This fine group of young men sacrificed 50 nights to attend study halls, attaining a 2.64 team GPA.

This fine group of young men awoke at 7 a.m. on 55 occasions for extra work on their shooting and became the second ranked team in their conference from the free throw line.

This fine group of young men spent four hours of their free time to extend a helping hand to area youth

at clinics put on by the program.

This fine group of young men was indeed "the hardest working Division III team in the country," according to head coach Rich Sutter.

This fine group of young men were quick to embrace junior Neil Rosario, a recent transfer from Framingham State, as one of their own when he joined the team at the midpoint of the season.

This fine group of young men includes: senior co-captain Steve Madelle, junior co-captain Adam Manchester, sophomores Kris Kachelmeyer, Jon Mazzone, Chris Carr, Kevin Rudd, Adam Cobb, and freshmen Christian Caputo, Phil Conners, Bill Ford Jeff Perham, Dan Sees, and John Wiley.

So, the next time you see anyone of these fine young men around remember the commitment they have made and congratulate them on a job well done.

Springfield Best Owls In Opener

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State College baseball team lost to Springfield College, 9-4, in its northern season opener.

The Owls, who finished with a 1-7 record during their annual southern trip to Fort Myers, Fla., were scheduled to play Salem State College in their home opener this past Saturday.

Westfield outhit Springfield, 12-10, but Westfield starting pitcher Doug Smutnick walked seven and threw five wild pitches during his seven-inning mound stint. Westfield stranded nine baserunners and hit into three double plays.

Tom LaFlesh of Chicopee was 3 for 4 for the Owls. Collecting two singles were John Morrissey, Chris Malloy and Scott Paradis. WNEC transfer Chris Bousquet rapped a two-run single.

Springfield, which improved to 5-3, was led by Kevin Morrissey, the older brother of Westfield State's left fielder. Kevin Morrissey was 3 for 4 with a double and an RBI.

Westfield's next home game is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30 vs. local rival AIC.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, March 30

Baseball

vs. AIC, Home, 3:00

Softball

at Smith, 4:15

Thursday, April 1

Baseball

at Keene State, 3:00

Softball

vs. Elms, Home, 4:00

Saturday, April 3

Baseball

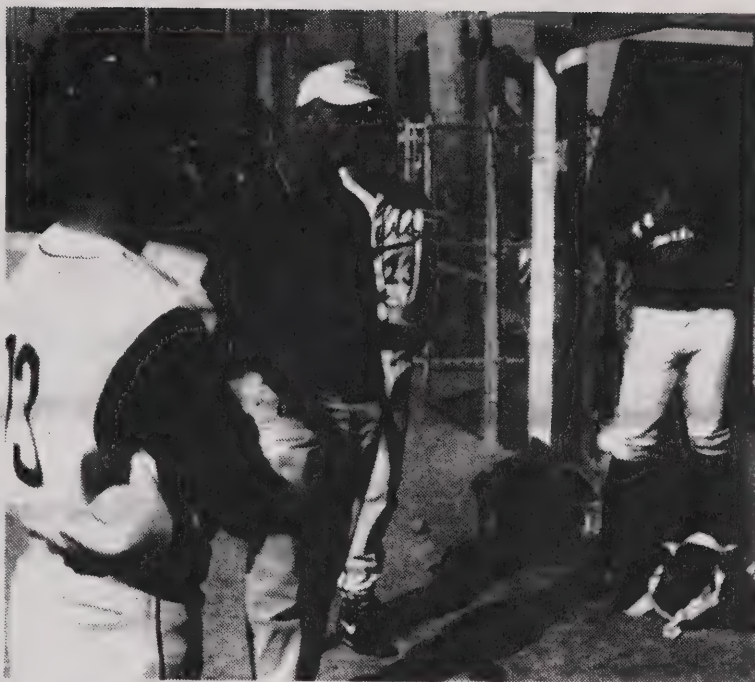
at Bridgewater (2), 12:00

Softball

at Bridgewater (2), 12:00

Men's/Women's Track and Field

at Trinity Invitational



Boston Red Sox first base coach Dave Jauss spoke to the Westfield State College baseball team during the Owls' southern trip to Fort Myers, Fla. Jauss was Westfield State's head coach for three years, 1982-84.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Southern Scores

Baseball

Marian, WI 13 - Westfield 5
Rutgers-Newark 4 - Westfield 3,
10 innings
UMass Boston 6 - Westfield 4
UMass Boston 10 - Westfield 8
Rockford, IL 7 - Westfield 6
Muskingum, OH 8 - Westfield 7
MacMurray, IL 17 - Westfield 4
Westfield 6 - MacMurray, IL 5

Softball

Cumberland, TN 5 - Westfield 1
*Westfield 6 - St. Clair, MI 1
Cumberland, TN 5 - Westfield 0
*Macomb, MI 6 - Westfield 5
Wis-Platteville 4 - Westfield 0
*Westfield 3 - Jackson St., TN 2
*Palm Beach 2 - Westfield 1
Rio Grande, OH 2 - Westfield 1
* - Exhibition Game

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Westfield State College head baseball coach John Griffin meets with his team following a game vs. UMass Boston played at the Boston Red Sox minor league facility during the Owls' southern trip to Fort Myers, Fla. The Owls also held a practice session the previous day in the eight batting cages at Red Sox facility. The Owls finished their spring trip with a 1-7 record, but defeated MacMurray College of Illinois, which was ranked 25th nationally in the NCAA Division III preseason poll.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

CHAMPS Corner...

By Sarah Shepard, Athletic Department Student Intern

Malloy To Attend Leadership Conference

Westfield State College student-athlete Chris Malloy will start his summer vacation a little later this year after recently being chosen as Westfield State's representative at the third annual NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference, to be held May 31 to June 4, 1999, at Disney's Wide World of Sports and Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Malloy, a junior from Stow, Mass., was chosen from four Westfield State nominees. He is captain of the baseball team and a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Board.

A finance/economics major, Malloy was also a volunteer Little League coach, and assistant coach for the Sudbury American Legion baseball team. He was an all conference outfielder for the Owls in 1998. Additionally, he was named to the Mass. State Conference's All-Academic team with a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

Malloy will join approximately 300 student-athletes at the conference, which prepares them to take an active leadership role both on campus and in the community. The student-athletes will participate in a variety of activities designed to enhance their communication, decision-making, and problem-solving skills.

As a result of the conference, the representatives will be better able to address issues important to the student-athletes at their particular college, and promote better overall communication between student-athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty and the outside community.

All of the representatives come from institutions that participate in the CHAMPS/Life Skills program. The participants represent all NCAA divisions, 20 different sports, and 11 countries.

"I'm excited that Chris has the opportunity to develop his leadership skills and interact with other student-athletes," said assistant athletics director Nancy Bals, coordinator of the CHAMPS/Life Skills program at Westfield State. "He will be an excellent representative for Westfield State and we look forward to hearing about his experience."

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Holly Maines Selected All New England In Women's Basketball

Westfield State College's Holly Maines was recently selected to the ECAC Division III New England women's basketball All-Star second team.

The senior point guard from Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y., also was a second-team ECAC All-Star during her sophomore season. Additionally, she was a four-time Mass. State Conference all-star; including first-team honors during the past three seasons.

"This is a very prestigious honor for Holly and for our program," said ninth-year head coach Rick Berger. "There are more than 65 Division III colleges in New England, so being recognized as one of the best players is something Holly and Westfield State can be proud of."

Other Mass. State Conference players earning All New England honors were Salem State's Terri Niles and Dee Jackson, who were first team all-stars. Jackson and Niles led Salem to a third-place finish in the NCAA Division III

national championships.

Maines led the conference in assists (5.7 per game), steals (3.1), and free throw shooting (83 percent, 57 of 67). The 5-9 point guard ranked second in scoring for the Owls, averaging 12.7 points per game.

Maines scored 1,098 career points and holds school records for career assists (626), career steals (313), assists in a season (198 in 1997), career free throw percentage (.773), and season free throw percentage (.871).

"Her records and accomplishments are going to be difficult to surpass or duplicate," said Berger.

Maines is also a standout for the Westfield State women's soccer team. She is a three-time all-conference first teamer in soccer, and earned conference Player of the Year honors in 1996 and 1997. Maines did not play soccer during her freshman year at Westfield State and plans to use her final year of eligibility in the sport next fall.

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Baseball Keeps Battling Despite Slow Start

March 1999

Baseball Roundup

AIC 9 - Westfield State 5

WESTFIELD - American International College erupted for seven runs in the sixth inning to rally for a 9-5 victory over Westfield State in baseball action Tuesday.

The Owls, 1-11 overall, led 5-2 by scoring two unearned runs in both the fourth and fifth innings.

AIC had several key hits in its seven-run sixth. Tim Laurita led off with a single and former Westfield High School teammate Stu Gornall blasted a line drive home run to straightaway center field to make the score 5-4. It was the senior slugger's first roundtripper this season.

The Yellow Jackets tied the score on a wild pitch, then broke the game open on an RBI single by Jim Cronk (Belchertown/Cathedral) and a two-run triple by Wilbraham's Brian Maloney.

Another Westfield High graduate also played a key role for AIC; junior Jeremy Guevin was was 1-for-3 with a sacrifice fly RBI.

Chris Bousquet of East Longmeadow (Cathedral) had two singles for the Owls, while Dan Wenzel belted a double and single. **Salem Sweeps Owls**

A hard-hitting Salem State squad swept Westfield by scores of 10-3 and 12-2.

Westfield's leading hitter in the opener was Matt Donah, who belted a double and single. In the second game, Chris Malloy collected two of Westfield's four hits, a double and a towering solo home run to straightaway center field.

By Tony Staffiere
SID Student Intern

At first glance at a recent stat sheet, the Westfield State baseball team is pounding teams with its .298 batting average, 98 hits, and 98 total runs.

Not so, as the Owls have struggled out of the gate with a 1-11 record, including 0-2 in the MASCAC.

Despite the slow start, first-year head coach John Griffin is proud of the resiliency his ball club is showing early on in the 1999 campaign.

"A lot of these guys could have quit by now, but they didn't," said the 1980 Westfield State alumnus.

Sophomore catcher Dan Wenzel (Buzzards Bay) echoes his coach's sentiments.

"We never give up until the last out is made," said the newly converted catcher.

Leading the Owl hit brigade is junior co-captain Chris Malloy. The first baseman has been scorching the ball with his .447 batting average, team leading 17 hits, including three roundtrippers, and nine RBI in the team's first 12 games.

"Chris is our power," said senior co-captain Steve Marino. "He leads the team with his bat."

On the mound, Westfield State will look to ace Marc Kelly (Rockland). The sophomore right hander notched the Owls' only victory in a 6-5 decision over nationally ranked MacMurray College, Ill., on the team's southern swing. Kelly has posted a 5.62 ERA, struck out nine, and walked eight in three appearances.

Westfield State fans are going to need a program as Coach Griffin will send nine fresh faces onto the field. Leading the new corps of rookies are sophomore third baseman Chris Bousquet, a

transfer from Western New England College, and freshman hurler Tom Horton from East Bridgewater.

Bousquet is currently hitting .360 with nine hits and seven RBI. Horton has fanned a team leading 16 batters in 15 innings. Eric Bristol (Enfield, Conn.), Daryl Cahill (Bridgewater), Doug Consentino (Stow), Derek Loescher (Easthampton), Matt Maloy (Pittsfield), Scott Paridis (Arlington), and Joel Thomas (East Bridgewater) will all see action in their first season.

The schedule makers also seem to have it in for the Owls this season. In the span of a week, Westfield State will face Division II American International, perennial New England powers Keene State and Bridgewater State, and reigning national champion Eastern Connecticut.

"I wasn't here last year, so I don't know how good these teams really are," Griffin said. "But when you're at the bottom everyone is good."

The Owls are confident they can get off the schneide and salvage what is left of a lot of baseball yet to be played.

"Bad baseball is contagious, but so is good baseball and that's the frame of mind we need to take," said Wenzel.

The Owls' next home contest will be a 3:30 tilt with Eastern Connecticut, the 1998 NCAA Division III national champions.

Sports Short

Overcoming certain obstacles:

"A good mind has never handicapped a player..."

Pete Carrill, retired Princeton University men's basketball coach

Softball Stuns Smith

NORTHAMPTON - The Westfield State College softball team picked up a huge victory Tuesday by edging Smith College, 1-0.

Smith entered the game with a 12-1 record. Westfield was 3-5 heading into last Thursday's home game vs. Elms College.

Junior Amanda Carey of Lawrence led the Owls with her pitching and hitting exploits. Carey worked hard for the shutout as Smith stranded 10 baserunners in the seven-inning game. She allowed five hits and three walks and struck out three.

Westfield only had two hits off Smith ace Bonnie Benson but they both came in the fifth inning. Teri Phipps led off with a single, was sacrificed to second, and scored on Carey's double to left field.

Softball Splits With Salem

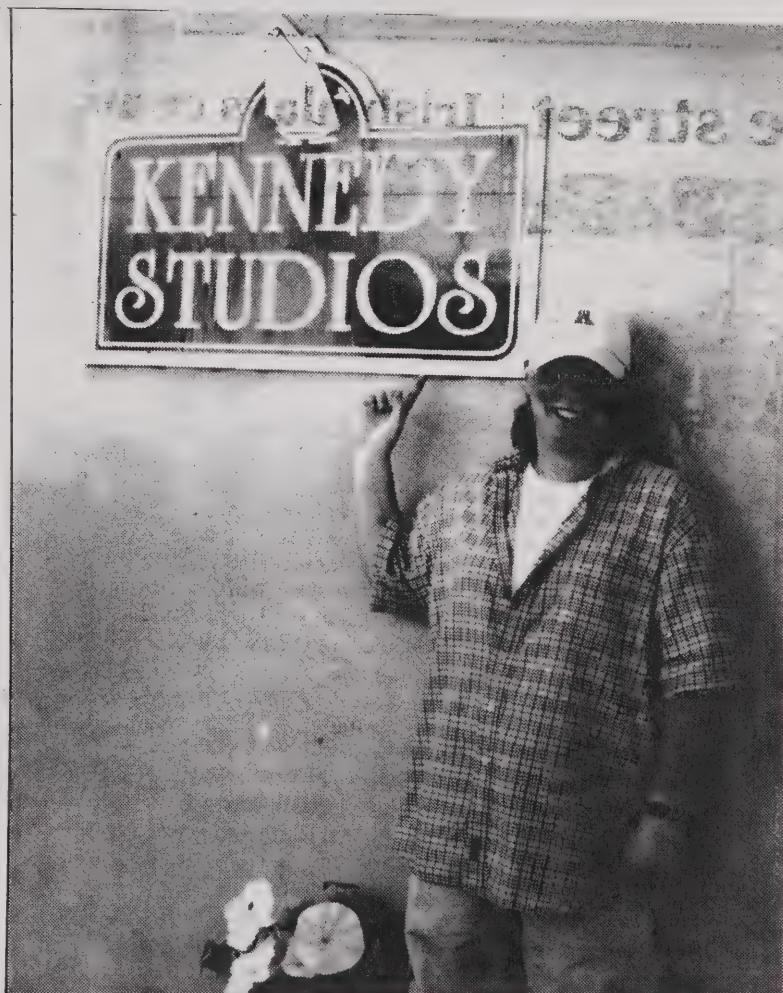
The Owls split with Salem State in their Mass. State Conference opener.

Westfield rallied from a 3-0 first-inning deficit for a 4-3 triumph in the first game. Kelly O'Brien was 2 for 4 with a two-run triple and Colleen Doyle slugged a double and single.

Winning pitcher Amanda Carey allowed no earned runs and no walks and struck out five.

In the second game, Salem erased a 4-2 first-inning deficit to post an 11-7 victory.

Doyle was 2-for-2 with two walks and Jill Eastey was 2 for 4 with two RBI. Phanessa Fisher, who suffered the pitching setback, was 3-for-4 at the plate.



Catcher Maureen Kennedy likes what she sees during a Westfield State softball team sightseeing and shopping trip at St. Augustine, Florida, during spring break. Kennedy, the only senior on 1999 team, recently missed her first games in four years with a hand injury, but she was back behind the plate in the Owls' big 1-0 victory at Smith College last week.

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Men's Outdoor Track

Swanson Invitational

@ Wesleyan University, March 27, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Bryant 125; 2. Bridgewater 83; 3. Westfield 82; 4. Keene State 75; 5. Wesleyan 60; 6. Eastern Connecticut 56; 7. UMass Boston 38; 8. UMass Dartmouth 31; 9. Connecticut College 25; 10. Stonehill 22; 11. Fairfield 20; 12. Quinnipiac 13; 13. Trinity 2.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Joe Freeman	110 Hurdles	16.18
First	Matt Collins	400 Hurdles	54.68
Third	Jamel Davenport	Discus	115-6
Third	Tom Schreiber	Hammer Throw	136-3
Third	Brian Stanton	Javelin	160-9
Third		4 x 100 Relay	47.4
Third		4 x 400 Relay	3:50.85
Third	Pat Swett	High Jump	5-8 3/4
Fourth	Mike Vatcher	400 Hurdles	1:00.00
Fourth	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	39-10 1/2
Fourth	David Eaton	100	11.64
Fourth	Kevin LaCoste	5,000	16:09.67
Fifth	Brian Stanton	200	23.68
Fifth	Vin Ferrecchia	Javelin	149-0
Fifth	Steve Chandler	Pole Vault	8-6
Sixth	Brian Stanton	400	53.05
Sixth	Jeff Perham	High Jump	5-5
Sixth	Brian Church	3,000 Steeplechase	10:54.4
Sixth	David Eaton	200	23.82

Women's Outdoor Track

Swanson Invitational

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Rhode Island College 124; 2. Wesleyan 88; 3. Connecticut College 77; 4. Westfield 65; 4. Bridgewater 65; 6. Stonehill 60; 7. Bryant 28; 8. Keene State 22; 9. Trinity 20; 10. Eastern Connecticut 14; 11. Regis 11; 12. UMass Dartmouth 10; 13. UMass Boston 8; 14. Fairfield 1.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:02.46
First	Nora Lynch	Discus	109-1
First		4 x 100 Relay	54.96
Second	Diana Cares	5000	19:06.54
Third	Kelly Gasior	100 Hurdles	17.87
Third	Nora Lynch	Hammer	122-0
Fourth	Jessica Corriveau	200	28.13
Fourth	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	30-1 1/2
Fifth	Lisa Roy	800	2:38.13
Sixth	Brigitta Brandt	Shot Put	29-4
Sixth	Lisamarie Walsh	Javelin	84-0
Sixth	Alison Camie	1600	5:26.12

Men's Outdoor Track

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Trinity College Bantam Invitational

@Trinity College, April 3, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: No team standings were compiled.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Matt Collins	110 Hurdles	15.24
First	Matt Collins	400 Hurdles	55.16
Second	Tom Schreiber	Hammer Throw	139-8
Third	Vinny Ferrecchia	Javelin	157-6
Third		4 x 100 "B" relay	44.42
Third	Joe Freeman	High Jump	6-0
Fourth	Jamel Davenport	Discus	122-9
Fifth		4 x 100 relay	45.31
Fifth		4 x 400 relay	3:30.03
Fifth	Jeff Perham	High Jump	5-8
Fifth	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	20-5
Sixth	Kyle Rudolph	100	11.59
Sixth	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:06.37
Sixth	Joe Freeman	110 Hurdles	16.91
Sixth	Brian Church	3000 Steeplechase	10:30
Seventh	Mike Vatcher	400 Hurdles	1:00.43
Seventh	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	38-9
Eighth	Mike Vatcher	Long Jump	18-6 1/2
Eighth	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	39-10
Eighth	Ryan Schmitt	100	11.83

Women's Outdoor Track

Trinity College Bantam Invitational

@Trinity College, April 3, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: No team standings were compiled.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
Second	Nora Lynch	Discus	113-9
Third	Sarah Corriveau	100	13.76
Third	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:00.13
Third	Diana Cares	3000	10:46.64
Fifth	Nora Lynch	Hammer Throw	118-9
Fifth	Deanna Thomas	High Jump	4-8
Fifth	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	14-11 1/2
Sixth	Jessica Corriveau	200	28.34
Sixth	Tonya Storozuk	Javelin	91-1
Eighth	Sara Sechovicz	800	2:36.73
Eighth	Sarah Corriveau	200	28.49
Eighth	Starr Dziengelewski	Javelin	86-0
Eighth	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	32-9 1/2

Baseball Roundup

Western New England College erupted for 19 runs in the final six innings to defeat Westfield State, 19-8, in baseball action last Wednesday.

The Owls led 3-0 after the first three innings but WNEC tied the score off starting pitcher Steve Marino after he retired the first two batters in the fourth inning.

Catcher Dan Wenzel was 3 for 5 with a double and two RBI, and Matt Maloy was 3 for 5 with two RBI.

It was the ninth straight loss for Westfield, which was 1-16 heading

into this past weekend's conference games vs. Framingham State.

Eastern Conn. 8 - Westfield 1

Eastern Connecticut State, the defending NCAA Division III national champions, snapped a 1-1 tied by scoring two runs apiece in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings last Tuesday.

Sophomore center fielder Will Harden was 2 for 3 with a double, and Dan Wenzel pounded an RBI double.

Westfield's Doug Smutnick pitched into the seventh inning to sustain the loss.

Softball Squad Shows Progress This Season

By Sarah Shepard
Athletics Department Student Intern

April 1999

At the season's midway point, the Westfield State College softball team is getting into the swing of things.

After a Florida trip full of injuries, the team started its regular season off right with a huge upset over Smith College, 1-0, and a close game against perennial New England power Bridgewater State. The Owls led Bridgewater State 2-1 in the sixth inning before losing a 3-2 nine-inning thriller.

With a brand new coaching staff and five freshmen, the softball squad has a number of new faces this season. Head coach Lou Ann Simchak was an assistant coach at Westfield State in 1996, but this is her first year as a head coach. Simchak is a 1977 Westfield State graduate and former softball and basketball standout for the Owls. She is joined by assistant coaches Ken Harr and Linda Hendrickson.

Simchak is proud of the team's progress so far, and says that its consistent improvement is impressive.

"Our game has already improved tremendously since last year, and we're getting better with every game," Simchak said.

Already known for its solid defense, Simchak is working on getting the team's hitting up to a consistent level.

"We still have some work to do, but our hitting has picked up a lot," Simchak said. "We're lucky to have such strong defense and pitching already in place."

The coaches might be new, but the fans will remember most of the players. Senior co-captain Maureen Kennedy, a four-year starter at catcher, is slowly getting back into action after a thumb injury in Florida. Although Kennedy is the only senior on the team, she has a strong group of juniors to back her up.

Co-captain Colleen Doyle has been very strong in the outfield, and she is averaging .316 at bat so far. Fellow co-captain Amanda Carey has also had a great start with a .333 average and a 3-3 record after seven games.

The majority of the team is sophomores, led by Jill Eastley at third base, who ended last season with the highest batting average on the team and had a .292 average after 11 games this season.

Pitcher Phanessa Fisher, who finished last season with a 4-2 record, is also displaying her hitting prowess this season with a team-high .483 batting average. Several weeks ago Fisher dominated Elms College with a 12-0, five-inning no-hitter, a feat she also achieved last season vs. the Chicopee school.

Eastley and Fisher are joined by Lindsay Meade at second base, who is now a utility player who gets the job done.

Rounding out this impressive sophomore class are Sue Smith, second base; Kelly O'Brien, catcher, and Kelly Walsh, first base.

Joining the softball team this year is a promising group of freshmen: Kristen Mucci, pitcher; Alicia Frustaci, second base; Sarah Brunelle, pitcher; Charlene Grammatic, shortstop; Cindy Freeman, first base, and Teri Phipps, second base.

With their biggest competition out of the way after playing Bridgewater State, Simchak is looking forward to a successful season. Even though the Owls are young, they have already proven that they learn quickly and play better with each game.

"We're holding our own," Simchak said. "This is a great group of women, both individually and as a team, and we're going to have a good season."

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Westfield State softball team tri-captains, from left to right, are: Colleen Doyle, Maureen Kennedy and Amanda Carey

Photo By Mickey Curtis



Jim Phillips of the biology department was the keynote speaker at the Recognition Reception held last Tuesday in Scanlon Living Room, honoring student-athletes with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or higher at the conclusion of the Fall '98 semester. There were a total of 103 student-athletes who earned 3.0 Club recognition.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Track & Field Squads Set To Defend Championships

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By Tony Staffiere
Sports Information Intern

A year ago, many remember sophomore Phaneasa Fisher's game-winning home run in the bottom of the seventh inning of a late season MASCAC softball tilt that brought the Smith Cup back to Westfield State after a 20-year hiatus.

What many forget is how Owl athletics got into contention for the coveted award: men's and women's track and field.

With all due respect to the other 17 varsity sports at the College, the track and field teams got it done last year and are favored to do so again this spring.

"We dominated the conference," said senior sprinter Mark Martineau of last year's success. "We brought home a lot of Smith Cup points."

The Owls have carried the same success into 1998-99, as they look to write another chapter in their long and rich tradition in the sport. The women's cross country team won its fourth straight MASCAC title, while the men took second. In the winter, the women continued their dominance by capturing the

New England Alliance championship as their male counterparts finished second.

Much of the program's success can be attributed to junior Matt Collins. The Acton, Mass., native has dominated the MASCAC and New England, and has held his own on the national level in the 400 meter dash, 110 meter hurdles, and 400 meter hurdles. Most recently, Collins powered the Owls to a second place finish by capturing first place in the 110 and 400 hurdles at the Smith College Invitational with times of 15.49 and 54.36, respectively.

"Matt is for real," said senior sprinter/jumper Ryan Schmitt, himself a standout for the past four years. "He works harder than anyone I have seen in the sport."

As Collins' practice partner, Martineau shares the same respect for his teammate.

"He { Collins } is a workhorse," said the Salem native. "I go as hard as I can in practice and he seems to go harder."

Other top point producers for the men are: Jamel Davenport (throws, jumps); Joe Freeman

(jumps/hurdles), Kevin LaCoste (middle distance), and Tom Schreiber (throws).

"We have a lot of depth," said coach Sean O'Brien. "Everybody on the roster (29 athletes) is capable of scoring points for us."

Top newcomers include: Kyle Rudolph, sprinter; David Eaton, sprints/long jump; Jeff Perham, 200 meter/high jump; and Vinny Ferrecchia, javelin.

On the women's side, the Owls will look to repeat history from last season's MASCAC outdoor title, the first in school history.

Leading the charge will be senior sprinter/jumper Sarah Corriveau. Corriveau recently placed first in the long jump (16-5 1/4), and second in the 100 (13.34) at Smith College.

"Sarah sets such a great example for the younger athletes," Schmitt said. "As good an athlete as she is on the track, she is an even better person off it."

The Owls will look to defend their titles when they host the MASCAC/New England Alliance meet at Alumni Stadium on Saturday, April 24, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Women's Track & Field Preview

By Sarah Shepard
Athletics Department Intern

The Westfield State College women's track and field team has a demanding task this season; it has to defend its 1998 Mass. State Conference championship. But this year's team is up to the challenge.

The 24-member team can credit much of its success to talent and depth. Some of the credit also goes to Toni Carr, in her first year as women's track and field coach at Westfield State.

Leading a team full of solid athletes are seniors Jessica and Sarah Corriveau, twin sisters from Southbridge, Mass., who contributed a lot to last year's championship win against Bridgewater. Both compete in the sprints/jumps events.

The Corriveaus are joined by fellow seniors Lisamarie Walsh and Amy Warrington, both middle distance runners.

Diana Cares, a distance runner from Northboro, Mass., heads up a very good group of juniors. Cares won the 3000 (11:40.21) and the 10,000 (41:30.46) at last year's conference championship.

Fellow junior Lisa Roy, Lowell, Mass., was also an important contributor to last year's win, placing first in the 800 (2:31.2) and the 1500 (5:16.35).

One of the few throwers on the team is Nora Lynch, a junior from Norwood, Mass., who clinched the championship last year in the discus event.

Lynch, Cares, and Roy are

joined by fellow juniors Alison Carnie, distance; Kelly Gasior, hurdles; Melissa Merrow, distance; and Andrea Petrolini, hurdles/sprints.

The team's sophomores also will provide scoring punch. Led by high jumper Deanna Thomas, they include: Tracey Borucki, distance; Shannon Chalmers, middle distance; Starr Dziengelewski, distance; Lori Starsiak, distance; and Tonya Storozuk, javelin.

And the team has seven promising freshmen: Karen Bardani, middle distance; Brigitta Brandt, sprints; Erika Mellone, middle distance; Melinda Nikola, distance; Miranda Osgood, distance; Jamie Peters, triple jump/javelin; and Sara Sechovicz, middle distance.

Badminton League Seeks Participants

Westfield State College faculty, staff and students are invited to join a badminton league, which is being held at the Westfield YMCA on Court St., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

There will be instructional sessions for those who are not very familiar with the game. Contact L. "Squire" Bressor for more information at 860-653-3555.

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CHAMPS Corner...

By Sarah Shepard, Athletic Department Intern

Attention all Westfield State student-athletes!

The second edition of the annual CHAMPS/Life Skills newsletter is out, and it is full of interesting information about the athletics department's activities this past year.

Created by the CHAMPS/Life Skills Task Force, the 1999 edition features stories about the NCAA Leadership Conference, the Alcohol 101 CD-ROM program, graduate assistant Lynn Orvis, and this year's National Girls and Women in Sports Day at Westfield State.

Also included in the newsletter are some interesting player profiles and information about upcoming events in the athletics department.

In only its second year of participation in the CHAMPS/



Life Skills program, Westfield State has already noticed how the program benefits its student-athletes. This newsletter gives student-athletes a chance to see what the program is all about, and how their team can get involved.

The 1999 CHAMPS/Life Skills newsletters can be picked up in the athletics department.

Men's Outdoor Track

Smith College Invitational
at Northampton, April 10, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Springfield 206; 2. Westfield 133; 2. Amherst 133; 4. Trinity 64; 5. Worcester 21; 6. Gordon 7.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Matt Collins	110 Hurdles	15.49
First	Matt Collins	400 Hurdles	54.36
First	Joe Freeman	High Jump	6-1 1/2
First	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	20-8 1/2
First	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	41-10 1/2
Second	Brian Stanton	Javelin	151-4
Second	Jeff Perham	High Jump	5-9 3/4
Second		4 x 100 Relay	44.5
Second		4 x 400 Relay	3:35.3
Third	Mike Vatcher	400 Hurdles	59.53
Third	Joe Freeman	110 Hurdles	16.43
Third	David Eaton	100	11.34
Third	Jeff Perham	200	23.42
Fourth	Vinny Ferrecchia	Javelin	149-8
Fourth	David Eaton	200	23.59
Fourth	Kevin LaCoste	800	1:58.37
Fifth	Rick Krupa	5000	16:22.66
Fifth	Mark Martineau	400	52.02
Fifth	Jamel Davenport	Discus	113-6
Sixth	Alan MacAvoy	Discus	113-2
Sixth	David Eaton	Long Jump	18-5 3/4

Women's Outdoor Track

Smith College Invitational
@Northampton, April 10, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Springfield 227; 2. Mt. Holyoke 111; 3. Amherst 84; 4. Trinity 81; 5. Westfield 79; 6. Smith 57; 7. Worcester State 19; 8. Gordon 12; 9. Wellesley 7.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Deanna Thomas	High Jump	5-0 1/4
First	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	16-5 1/4
Second	Sarah Corriveau	100	13.34
Second	Sarah Corriveau	400	1:01.69
Third	Nora Lynch	Discus	109-6
Third	Diana Cares	3000	19:01.53
Fourth	Kelly Gasior	100 Hurdles	19.01
Fourth	Jessica Corriveau	200	27.48
Fifth	Sarah Corriveau	200	27.53
Fifth	Nora Lynch	Discus	123-1
Fifth	Tonya Storozuk	Javelin	96-9
Fifth		4 x 100 Relay	54.42
Fifth		4 x 400 Relay	4:31.1
Eighth	Sara Sechovicz	400	1:08.79

Malloy Powers Owls To 2 Wins

DANBURY, Conn. - Chris Malloy was 4 for 5 with two doubles to power the Westfield State College baseball team to a 12-4 victory over Western Connecticut State.

Westfield is 4-21 while Western Connecticut dropped to 2-12.

The Owls snapped a 4-4 deadlock with a six-run uprising in the sixth inning. The big blow in the inning was a two-run homer by sophomore Dan Wenzel.

Wenzel finished 2-for-5 with two runs scored. Freshman catcher Joel Thomas was 2 for 4 with two RBI and Will Harden was 2 for 4 with an RBI. Chicopee's Tom LaFlesh blasted a two-run triple in the first inning.

Freshman Doug Cosentino was the winning pitcher. He threw seven innings, allowing no walks and striking out six.

Baseball Splits With Fitchburg

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State College baseball team split a double header with Fitchburg State during the Patriot's Day weekend.

The Owls took the opener, 10-5, to notch their third victory of the season. Westfield scored in each of the first five innings, including three in the third on a home run by junior standout slugger Chris Malloy.

Malloy was 3-for-3, while Holyoke's Matt Donah was 2-for-3. Also slugging a homer was Dan Wenzel.

Doug Smutnick picked up the pitching victory, his second in five days. He was racked for three homers, but all were solo shots. He struck out six and walked one.

Fitchburg State took the nightcap, 11-1. The Falcons broke open the game with three runs in the

fourth and six in the fifth.

John Morrissey collected two of Westfield's six hits. Senior Steve Marino was the starting and losing pitcher.

MCLA Sweeps Baseball

WESTFIELD - The Massachusetts College of the Liberal Arts swept Westfield State, 12-0 and 6-1.

Westfield only collected seven hits in the double header. Tom LaFlesh was 2-for-3 with a double in the second game.

The Mohawks jumped out to a 6-0 first-inning lead in the opener, then tallied five runs in the fifth. They belted 16 hits, including 14 singles.

In the second game, MCLA snapped a 1-1 tie with a run in the third in a four-run uprising in the fourth.

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Softball Roundup

Softball Splits With MCLA

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College softball team earned a double header split with rival Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

MCLA improved to 13-16 overall and 3-3 in the Mass. State Conference; Westfield is 4-4 in the conference and 7-14 overall.

Junior third baseman Kristin Parzych of Tantasqua Regional High School powered the Mohawks to a 4-1 victory in the opener with two home runs and three RBI. She slugged a solo homer just over the left field fence in the third inning, then blasted a towering two-run homer down the left field line in the sixth.

Winning pitcher Sue Plankey allowed no earned runs, two walks and five hits, and struck out three.

In the second game, Westfield edged the visitors, 3-1, with a three-run uprising in the fourth inning. Sue Smith rapped a two-run single

on a full count for the game-winning hit.

Elaine Licata collected two of Westfield's seven hits, both in the fifth. Senior catcher Maureen Kennedy of Lee played in her final home games and belted two doubles.

Freshman Sarah Brunelle was the winning pitcher; she allowed no earned runs and five hits.

Fitchburg Sweeps Softball

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State College softball team sustained a pair of one-run losses, 3-2 and 6-5.

In the opener, pitcher Michelle Bergeron delivered the game-winning hit, a two-out, RBI single to center field in the bottom of the seventh that snapped a 2-2 tie.

Senior catcher Maureen Kennedy pounded a double for one of Westfield's five hits.

Freshman Sarah Brunelle was the losing pitcher; she allowed three walks and eight hits and struck out

four.

In the second game, a three-run uprising in the bottom of the fifth gave Fitchburg a 6-4 lead. Westfield scored a run in the sixth but had a runner thrown out at second base on a steal attempt to end the inning.

Sophomore catcher Kelly O'Brien was 3-for-3 for the Owls. Colleen Doyle blasted a triple and single.

Phanessa Fisher was the losing pitcher; she struck out eight and walked only one. But she gave up nine hits while the Westfield defense committed five errors.

Men's Outdoor Track

Fitchburg State Invitational
at Fitchburg, April 17, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Brandeis 132; 2. WESTFIELD-118; 3. Bentley 102; 4. Keene State 87; 5. UMass Boston 52; 6. Fitchburg 38; 7. Worcester State 36.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Tom Schreiber	Hammer	144-7
First	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	20-6 1/2
First	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	40-11
First		4 x 100 Relay	44.45
Second	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	12.71 meters
Second	Joe Freeman	110 Hurdles	16.6
Second	Kyle Rudolph	100	11.41
Second	Kevin LaCoste	800	2:00.9
Second	Dave Eaton	200	23.2
Third	Steve Chandler	Pole Vault	9-6
Third	Mike Vatcher	400 Hurdles	59.45
Fourth	Alan McAvoy	Discus	118-4
Fourth	Joe Freeman	High Jump	6-0
Fourth	Brian Church	3000 Steeplechase	10:36.4
Fifth	Jeff Perham	High Jump	5-10
Fifth	Tom Schreiber	Discus	112-9
Fifth	Jim Dowd	Triple Jump	36-6
Sixth	Mike Vatcher	Long Jump	18-7
Sixth	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:13
Sixth	Brian Stanton	400	51.7
Sixth	Dave Eaton	100	11.71

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Women's Outdoor Track

Springfield College Invitational
@Springfield, April 17, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: No team scoring was compiled.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Jessica Corriveau	400	59.4
Second	Nora Lynch	Discus	112-2
Second	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	15-11 1/2
Third	Diana Cares	1500	4:57
Fifth	Kelly Gasior	100 Hurdles	18.3
Fifth	Starr Dziengelowski	3000	11:43
Fifth	Sarah Corriveau	200	27.6
Sixth	Jessica Corriveau	200	27.7
Sixth	Karen Bardani	800	2:32.9
Seventh	Lisamarie Walsh	400	1:09.8
Eighth	Brigitta Brandt	100	13.4

CHAMPS Corner...

By Sarah Shepard, Athletic Department Intern

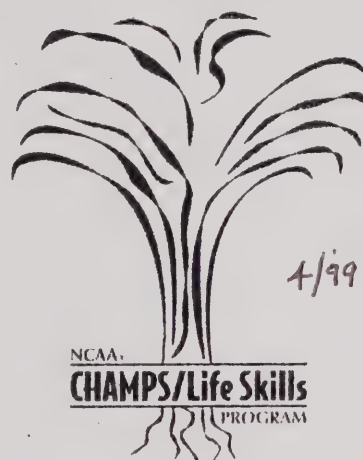
Some of you may not know that last week, April 18-24, was National Volunteer Week across the United States.

Established in 1974 by the late President Richard Nixon, National Volunteer Week recognizes those people who give up their personal time to help others.

Community service is a big part of the CHAMPS/Life Skills concept, and it's one of the reasons Westfield State became involved in the program. So each year the athletics department asks the varsity teams to take the time to help the community in some way. "It's really important that young people, no matter if they're 9 or 19, understand that they have a responsibility to help others, whether it's on campus or in the community," said Ken Magarian, athletics director at Westfield State.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, Westfield State would like to acknowledge all the community service our varsity teams did as part of the CHAMPS/Life Skills program this past year.

- Women's field hockey hosted a clinic on Nov. 8 for local youth field hockey teams;
- Women's soccer also hosted a clinic in the fall for local youth soccer teams;
- Men's soccer invited area youth teams to each of its home games and invited them to play on the AstroTurf at halftime intermission;
- Football hosted a clinic for youth teams and moved furniture for a retired Westfield State administrator. The football team also participated in the I.D. Care program, which is an inkless fingerprint kit that helps law enforcement



agencies locate missing children;

- Competition cheerleading marched in the parade at the Big E in the fall, and attended a sales event for a local car dealership with some area high school cheerleaders;
- Women's basketball participated in the Take a Kid to the Game Day, signing autographs and talking to the kids who attended;
- Men's basketball hosted clinics for the Westfield Boys and Girls Club;
- Cross Country team members volunteered at the Stanley Park concession booth, where they sometimes practice and hold competitions;
- Softball hosted some clinics in February for local youth softball teams.

Thanks to all Westfield State student-athletes who participated in community service this year. Your time and efforts are appreciated, and you did a great job of representing Westfield State to the outside community.

Laviolette Named AHL Coach of Year

WEST SPRINGFIELD - The American Hockey League recently announced that Westfield State College alumnus Peter Laviolette (Class of 1986) of the Providence Bruins has been named the recipient of the Louis A. R. Pieri Memorial Award as the AHL's coach of the year for the 1998-99 season. The Pieri Award is selected by the AHL writers and broadcasters in each of the League's 19 cities.

In his first season as head coach of the Bruins, Laviolette has led the club to its best record in the franchise's six-year history. At age 34, Laviolette is the youngest coach in the League and has guided the Bruins to a record with 111 points for a league-leading .750 winning percentage. The Bruins also lead the League in goals scored (330), assists (500) and power play goals (96). The club's 61-point turnaround from last season is just three points shy of surpassing the AHL record 63-point turnaround set in 1991.

Laviolette competed in the AHL for six seasons from 1990-91 to 1996-97, including four years with the Providence Bruins. In the 1995-96 season he was named the Providence Bruins' best defenseman

and also led the P-Bruins as captain in 1993 when they won the League's Northern Division crown. In 1997 he captained the AHL "World" All-Star Team to a 3-2 victory over the AHL Canadian All-Stars. Laviolette spent one season in the NHL with the New York Rangers in 1988-89.

The former Westfield State standout gained international recognition for the College when he played for the United States in the

1988 and 1994 Winter Olympic Games. Laviolette captained the 1994 squad.

Past winners of the Pieri Award include: Frank Mathers (1969), Al MacNeil (1972, 1977), Don Cherry (1974), John Muckler (1975), Jacques Demers (1983), Larry Pleau (1987), Mike Milbury (1988), former Westfield resident Jimmy Roberts (1990), Marc Crawford (1993), Barry Trotz (1994), and Robbie Ftorek (1995, 1996).

Softball Roundup

NORTON - The Westfield State College softball took Wheaton College, ranked first in New England and 10th nationally, to eight innings before losing 5-4.

Trailing 4-2, Westfield sent the game into extra inning when Phannessa Fisher shocked Wheaton by slamming a two-run homer in the seventh inning off standout pitcher Kim Sears.

Wheaton survived the comeback by scoring on a one-out single in the bottom of the eighth.

Kelly Walsh gave the Owls an early 2-0 lead by slugging a two-

run homer in the third inning off starting pitcher Jill Hastings. She also rapped a single. Jill Eastey was 3 for 4.

In opener, Sears tossed her third no-hitter this season, a perfect game 7-0 decision. The Greenfield native struck out three.

In recent conference action, Westfield was swept by Worcester State, 8-2 and 3-2. It was the Owls' sixth one-run loss this season.

Westfield's record was 7-20 overall heading into this past weekend's double header at Mass. Maritime.

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An Interview With Track Standout Matt Collins

By Tony Staffiere
SID Student Intern

May 1999

One could not do Westfield State junior hurdler Matt Collins enough justice by trying to think up superlatives to write in the lead: That said, let's get to the Acton native's résumé.

In 1998, Collins captured the New England Division III championship, All-New England championship, and put the Owls on the national map with his formidable showing in the NCAA Division III national championships. Most recently, Collins broke the MASCAC record in the 400 meter hurdles (53.26), when he took home the conference championship. In the same meet, held at Westfield's Alumni Stadium, Collins took top billing in the 110 meter hurdles (15.52) and the 400 meter dash (53.43).

The following is an interview conducted with Collins on the Westfield State campus.

Q: What has running collegiate track meant to you?

A: It has meant a lot to me. It has structured my life so that it helps me cope with other stress in my life. Coach {Jerry} Gravel has meant a lot to me as well. He is one of the best men I know. If I ever have a problem here at school I go to him. I look up to him.

Q: Who has influenced you the most in your life?

A: Mostly my coaches at Acton-Boxboro High School: Cathy Bender, Ilene Flannery, and Dave James. They helped me make my decision to come to Westfield State. I wasn't going to go to college before this. Upperclassmen on the track team have also been a big help. When I was a freshman I looked up to them because they had been through running track and balancing school.

Q: What is your favorite track memory?

A: Winning the All New England championship. I knew it was a hard challenge. Just to make it to the finals is pretty good, but to win it, I was completely shocked. It had never been done by a Westfield State male runner before. There was also an old high school rival of mine in that race who had always beaten me and was a three-time winner of the event. I finally beat him and that has been a fond memory.

Q: What is the best advice you have ever received?

A: To go out and give it your all. You hear it a lot, but a lot of times people don't use it. Some people think they use it, but they really haven't. It is the kind of advice you take for granted.

Q: Who in this world would you most want to sit down with over a cup of coffee that you haven't already?

A: World class track star Michael Johnson. Not only do I look up to him for track, but he is a very smart guy. He knows even though you may be the best in the world, you must have something to fall back on for a career because you can't run forever. He'll be an accountant when



Junior hurdler Matt Collins is focused on qualifying for the NCAA national championships and defending his New England titles.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

he is done running. The fact that he has a college education and graduated with a high grade point average amazes me.

Q: What are your career aspirations?

A: In terms of track they are to go as far as I can. I'd like to qualify for the U.S. Championships. A dream of mine has always been to run in the Olympics, but to get there you have to win the U.S. Championship. I also want to be a secondary math teacher. I want to influence students like I have been through the years.

Q: Would you ever consider a career in track and field?

A: I'd love to coach track. I want to start as a high school coach and work my way up to the collegiate level.

Q: Is there anything in life you would like to do that you haven't done already?

A: It is hard to pick just one, there are a lot of things I'd love to do. I am a sucker for excitement. I want to go skydiving, bunji jumping, or stand on the wing of a moving plane while it was in the air. I love pushing the limits.

Sports Short

"When I walk around campus on a Monday morning and see beer cans and trash all over the ground I feel this is the highest form of elitism..."

Pete Carrill
Retired Princeton Basketball Coach

Track, Field Teams Defend Crowns

Men Win 16th MASCAC Title in 17 Years

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Same story. Different year. That just about sums up Westfield State's championship effort in the Mass. State Conference track and field finals on April 24 at Alumni Stadium.

The Owls captured their 16th MASCAC title in the past 17 years. and their 22nd in 26, with another dominating performance. They scored 142 points to outdistance Bridgewater (97).

During the same day, Westfield defended its New England Alliance outdoor track and field championship by scoring 167 points in the 10-team meet that also included Little East colleges Keene State, Eastern Connecticut, Umass Dartmouth, Umass Boston and Southern Maine.

Keene State finished second with 130 points and Bridgewater was third with 92 points. New England Alliance championship results

will be published in next Monday's newspaper.

The Owls won the MASCAC meet with plenty of points in the top places (10 firsts, 11 seconds, eight thirds) and depth as 24 of the 28 on the roster earned points.

"That's the way to do it," said coach Sean O'Brien. "You can't get much better than that."

Leading the charge for the Owls was junior Matt Collins, who won three events: 400 (50.43), 110 hurdles (15.52), and 400 hurdles in a conference record time of 53.26.

Middle distance runner Kevin LaCoste was a double winner, taking the 800 (2:02.31) and the 1500 (4:03.8) meter runs. Other firsts were recorded by Rick Krupa (10,000, 34:17.62), Patrick Swett (high jump, 6-4), Vinny Ferrecchia (javelin, 170-2), Matt Dowaliby (triple jump, 43-2 1/2), and the 4 x 100 relay team of Ryan Schmitt,

Dave Eaton, Dave Carabin, and Kyle Rudolph.

"We had some outstanding efforts," said O'Brien. "Ferrecchia, Swett and Dowaliby all won with personal bests."

Also picking up key points were Tom Schreiber (second in the shot and hammer, third in the discus), and Joe Freeman (second in the high jump, and third in the 110 hurdles and triple jump). Freeman's triple jump of 42-1 1/2 was a personal best.

Rudolph was second in the 100, third in the 200, and anchored the Owls to a controversial victory in the 4 x 100 relay. Eaton was third in the 100, second in the 200, and ran on the winning relay.

Senior Ryan Schmitt capped an outstanding four-year career by finishing second in the long jump, fourth in the triple jump, fifth in the 100, and running the opening leg of the 4 x 100 relay.

Women Garner 11 Firsts; Also Take Alliance Meet

May '99

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State College women's track and field team defended its Mass. State Conference championship and won its first New England Alliance outdoor crown with impressive performances on April 24.

In the MASCAC meet, the Owls won their second straight title with 116 points to outdistance second place Bridgewater State (80 points). In the 11-team Alliance Meet, which also included Little East schools, Westfield placed first with 152 points, followed by Rhode Island College (126) and Bridgewater State (91).

"We had some outstanding efforts," said coach Toni Carr. "There were numerous personal bests recorded; it was great to see the team peak at the right time."

In the MASCAC champion-

ships, Westfield actually clinched the meet by placing first in 11 and second in six of the 20 events. Owl standouts included senior Sarah Corriveau, junior Jessica Corriveau, junior Diana Cares, and junior Nora Lynch.

Cares was selected the Outstanding Performer in the MASCAC meet by setting new conference records in the 3,000 (11:11.34) and the 10,000 meter runs. Additionally, her time of 39:57.97 in the 6.2 mile race is a school record.

Also setting a school record was Lynch in the discus with a winning toss of 119-6. She also had a personal best in the hammer throw with a winning heave of 132-6. In addition, Lynch placed third in the shot put.

Westfield's other double winner was Jessica Corriveau in the

200 (27.45) and the 400 (1:00.44). Jessica Corriveau also anchored the championship 400 and 1600 meter relay squad, and finished fifth in the long jump.

Sarah Corriveau's efforts were just as impressive. She won the 100 meter dash, led off the winning relay teams, and finished second in three events: 200, long jump and triple jump.

"Those four were just phenomenal," said Carr. "They're outstanding leaders and very team-oriented."

Others winning MASCAC individual crowns were Kelly Gasior in the 100 hurdles and Melissa Merrow in the 1500. Gasior also ran a leg on the 4 x 100 relay.

Eleven other athletes also earned points for Westfield State (see results). Results of the New England Alliance championship will be published next Monday's.



Penn Relays Champs

Four members of the Westfield State men's track and field team began their championship weekend by winning a first place plaque in the prestigious Penn Relays on Friday, April 23, in Philadelphia. The 4 x 400 relay team won the College "B" Division with a time of 3:24 in the eight-team field. It was the Westfield State men's second Penn Relay championship. Westfield also placed first in the 4 x 400 relay in 1985, its first year at the Penn Relays. From left to right are: Ryan Schmitt, Mark Martineau, coach Gerry Gravel, Matt Collins, and Brian Stanton

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Women's Outdoor Track

Mass. State Conference Championships

@ Westfield State, April 24, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 116; Bridgewater 80; Fitchburg 40;
Salem 27; Worcester 22.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Sarah Corriveau	100	13.49
First	Jessica Corriveau	200	27.45
First	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:00.44
First	Kelly Gasior	110 Hurdles	17.37
First	Melissa Mellow	1500	5:19.21
First	Diana Cares	3000	11:11.34
First	Diana Cares	10,000	39:57.97
First	Nora Lynch	Hammer Throw	132-6
First	Nora Lynch	Discus	119-6
First		4 x 100 Relay	53.46
	(S. Corriveau, Brigitta Brandt, Kelly Gasior, J Corriveau)		
First		4 x 400 Relay	4:26.52
	(S. Corriveau, Sara Sechovicz, Karen Bardani, J. Corriveau)		
Second	Lisa Roy	1500	5:23.66
Second	Sarah Corriveau	200	27.62
Second	Sarah Corriveau	Long Jump	15-7 3/4
Second	Karen Bardani	800	2:35.46
Second	Starr Dziengelewski	5000	21:3.47
Second	Sarah Corriveau	Triple Jump	30-9 1/4
Third	Deanna Thomas	High Jump	4-10
Third	Nora Lynch	Shot Put	32-3
Third	Sara Sechovicz	800	2:37.03
Third	Lisamarie Walsh	400	1:08.72
Third	Alison Carnie	3000	11:32.4
Fourth	Amy Warrington	400	1:10.88
Fourth	Miranda Osgood	10,000	49:40.97
Fourth	Tonya Storozuk	Javelin	100-5
Fifth	Lori Starsiak	1500	5:51.8
Fifth	Jessica Corriveau	Long Jump	14-6 1/2
Fifth	Brigitta Brandt	200	29.46

Men's Outdoor Track

Mass. State Conference Championship

at Westfield State, April 24, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 142; Bridgewater 97; Fitchburg 39; Salem 21; Worcester 15.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Matt Collins	400	50.43
First	Matt Collins	400 Hurdles	53.26
First	Kevin LaCoste	800	2:02.31
First	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:03.8
First	Rick Krupa	10,000	34:17.62
First	Matt Collins	110 Hurdles	15.52
First	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	43-2 1/2
First	Patrick Swett	High Jump	6-4
First	Vinny Ferrecchia	Javelin	170-2
First		4 x 100 Relay	44.62
	(Ryan Schmitt, Dave Eaton, Dave Carabin, Kyle Rudolph)		
Second	Rayshaun Rascoe	110 Hurdles	15.99
Second	Brian Church	3000 Steeplechase	10:21.9
Second	Rick Krupa	5000	16:50.82
Second	Mark Martineau	400	51.14
Second	Kyle Rudolph	100	11.5
Second	David Eaton	200	22.6
Second	Tom Schreiber	Shot Put	41-4 1/2
Second	Tom Schreiber	Hammer Throw	146-11
Second	Joe Freeman	High Jump	6-0
Second	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	20-9 3/4
Second		4 x 400 Relay	3:34.08
	(Marco Iannello, Kevin LaCoste, Tim Trull, Mark Martineau)		
Third	Joey Freeman	110 Hurdles	16.42
Third	Tom Schreiber	Discus	118-8
Third	Brian Stanton	Javelin	146-2
Third	Kyle Rudolph	200	23.07
Third	Tim Trull	800	2:05.07
Third	David Eaton	100	11.55
Third	Mike Vatcher	400 Hurdles	59.3
Third	Joe Freeman	Triple Jump	42-1 1/2
Fourth	Jeff Perham	High Jump	5-10
Fourth	Steve Chandler	Pole Vault	9-6
Fourth	Jamel Davenport	Discus	116
Fourth	Ryan Schmitt	Triple Jump	41-11 1/4
Fourth	Patrick Swett	400 Hurdles	1:00.78
Fifth	Mark Martineau	200	23.67
Fifth	Ryan Schmitt	100	12.02
Fifth	Tim Smith	10,000	38:35.24
Fifth	Marco Iannello	800	2:06.32

LaFlesh, Marino Pace Owls

NEW HAVEN - Junior Tom LaFlesh of Chicopee was 3-for-5 with two home runs and three RBI to power Westfield State to a 6-3 victory over Albertus Magnus College on Thursday.

The Owls were 6-24 overall heading into Saturday's games at Mass. Maritime Academy. Albertus is 17-16, including victories over Mass. Maritime and Mass. College of the Liberal Arts, two of the top teams in the Mass. State Conference.

Senior Steve Marino went the distance for the big pitching victory. He scattered 11 hits, struck out six and walked two.

Albertus tied the score in the sixth inning on Joe DeCresenzo's three-run homer.

The Owls scored a run in the eighth and added two insurance tallies in the ninth. Collecting two hits apiece were Matt Donah, Joel Thomas and Craig Fallon.

Trinity 13 - Westfield 6

Trinity, ranked second in New England, coasted to a decision last Tuesday in the Owls' final home game.

The Bantams broke open a close game with a five-run uprising in the sixth.

Collecting two singles apiece were Fallon, Thomas and LaFlesh. Donah pounded a two-run double in Westfield's four-run ninth.

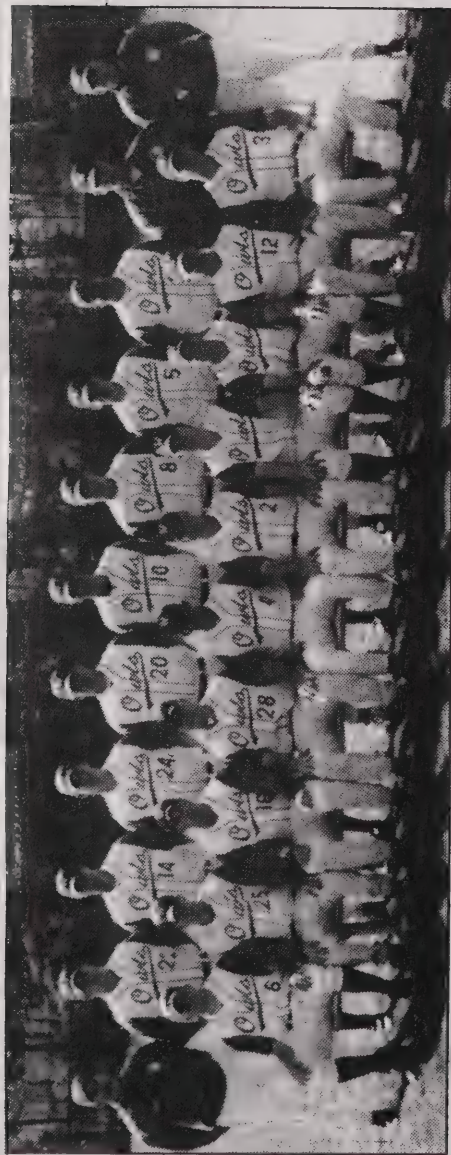
Westfield Splits With Worcester

WORCESTER - Westfield won the first game of a conference double header by an 8-4 decision.

Marc Kelly pitched into the sixth inning to record the win; Tom Horton earned the pitching save.

Chris Bousquet blasted a pair of two-run homers to power the nine-hit attack. Dan Wenzel belted two doubles and drove in two runs. LaFlesh stroked a double and single.

Worcester routed Westfield, 21-3, in the second game.



1999 Baseball Team

First Row (L-R): Marc Kelly, Daryl Cahill, Derek Loescher, Joel Thomas, Craig Fallon, Will Harden, Matt Maloy, Eric Bristol, Tom Horton, Matt Donah. Second Row: assistant coach Mike Gauthier, Chris Bousquet, Tom LaFlesh, Scott Paradis, Chris Malloy, Doug Cosentino, Dan Wenzel, John Morrissey, Steve Marino, assistant coach Don Pomeroy, head coach John Griffin. Missing are Doug Smutnick and assistant coach Dan Woodili.



1999 Softball Team

First Row (L-R): Kelly O'Brien, Sue Smith, Amanda Carey, Lindsay Meade, Kristen Mucci, Alicia Frustaci. Second Row: Sarah Brunelle, Cindy Freeman, Colleen Doyle, Elaine Licata, Maureen Kennedy, Jill Eastey. Third Row: head coach Lou Ann Simchak, assistant coach Ken Haar, Phanessa Fisher, Charlene Grammatic, Teri Phipps, Kelly Walsh, assistant coach Linda Hendrickson, assistant coach Mike Markiewicz.

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Baseball, Softball Complete Seasons

In the second game, a six-run uprising in the second lifted Mass Maritime to a 10-6 victory. Matt Donah of Holyoke was 2 for 4 with a double and Chris Malloy slammed a solo home run.

Westfield finished with a 7-25 record with six victories in its last 13 games. Mass Maritime is 22-8.

Named to the all conference team from Westfield were Wenzel (second team) and junior outfielder Chris Malloy (first team).

Softball Sweeps Mass Maritime
BUZZARDS BAY - The Westfield State College softball team swept a double header from Mass Maritime, 10-2 and 14-5.

Junior outfielder Colleen Doyle of Pittsfield, who was a second team all conference pick this season, was the hitting star in both games. She was 3 for 4 in the opener

with a double and homer. In the second game, Doyle was 5-for-5 with three runs scored, three RBI, three doubles and another homer.

Winning pitcher Amanda Carey also homered in the first game, while freshman Alicia Frustaci was 2 for 3 with a double. Phanessa Fisher belted a two-run triple.

In the second game, Westfield snapped a 5-5 tie with three runs in the fifth and sixth in the sixth. Elaine Licata was 3 for 4 with two RBI. Lindsay Meade pounded a double and single and Fisher was 2 for 4 with three RBI. Carey and Frustaci both rapped two singles in the 19th hit onslaught.

Westfield finished its season with a 9-22 record as it dropped a double header at Amherst last Tuesday by 8-0 and 6-1 scores.

One-on-One

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Erica Pratt Stays Active Off Playing Fields

By Tony Staffiere
SID Student Intern

Your typical college student is content with going to class six to eight hours a week, occasionally working out in the Wellness Center, and making a cameo appearance a few times a week in the library to do some research.

Not Westfield State junior field hockey midfielder Erica Pratt.

Let's run down the index Pratt calls her collegiate resume: SAAB representative; Movement Science Club president; Week Celebrating Women volleyball tournament coordinator; American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance national conference participant; student representative to the AAHPERD eastern district executive board; coordinator for the Westfield State AAHPERD Hoops for Heart; Westfield State student-athlete honoree for field hockey and softball; NCAA Champs Life Skills National Conference nominee.

Enough right?

Not so as the Agawam native was a 1998 fall semester Dean's List student, nautilus trainer at the Westfield YMCA, and a store clerk at Dick's Sporting Goods for 25 hours a week.

Oh, and by the way, Pratt also managed to capture a spot on the first team all-MASCAC the last two seasons in field hockey. Pratt didn't limit her success to just the conference as she was a MAIAW all-tournament selection in 1997.

The following is an interview conducted with Pratt on the Westfield State campus.

Q: What has three years of collegiate field hockey meant to you?

A: Hard work, dedication, and new friendships. The level of competition has also increased from that of high school.

Q: Who has influenced you the most in your life?

A: Coaches Cynthia Grieve (field hockey) and Debbie Lickley (softball) at Agawam High School. They both have similar philosophies and views on the sports I played. I have used a lot of the stuff they have taught in

everything I do now. Each of them brings so much intensity into teaching their players. They also give so much. They care more about the success of others than they do of their own personal satisfaction. I want to try to do the same one day when I work with athletes.

Q: What is your favorite field hockey memory?

A: When we played Springfield College this season. The year before they beat us 4-0, so the night before the game we hung out together to focus on how intense we needed to play. We ended up losing the game 1-0 on a late goal, but I thought it was our best game as a team all season.

Q: What is the best advice you have ever received?

A: Dr. Diana Schwartz (movement science professor at Westfield State), told me to stay active in life and you will succeed. You have to be active physically and mentally.

Q: Who in this world would you most like to sit down with over a cup of coffee that you haven't already?

A: Pope John Paul. I'd want to know his views on right and wrong and how he feels about life on Earth and life after death. He has been to many places on this Earth and would be a great resource on what goes on in other countries and what the people are like.

Q: What are your career aspirations?

A: I plan to teach elementary physical education right after graduation, while pursuing a master's degree. I eventually want to get a doctorate and teach at the collegiate level.

Q: Would you ever consider a career in field hockey?

A: I'd love to coach either high school or college field hockey. I see coaching as teaching life skills and a sports skill, so if the right job came around I would like to coach full-time.

Q: Is there anything in life that you want to do that you haven't done already?

A: I want to go rock climbing in foreign countries. I would also like to teach physical education in those foreign lands.

A Special Thanks From Staffiere

By Tony Staffiere
SID Student Intern

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Most graduating seniors reflect on their time spent in college and think of the all night study binges, the last minute paper that was mysteriously eaten by a two gigabyte word processor, or playing Sherlock Holmes in the cafe when you could have sworn you set a tray full of food and drink down next to your backpack as you used the toaster.

Not this senior. I have chosen to do my reflecting through athletics, more specifically Westfield State varsity athletics.

Don't get me wrong I have engaged in a tray tug-a-war or two with the always vivacious and perky lunch lady Dottrie, who would fight to the death anyone who dare leave an unattended tray.

In all seriousness, after having transferred here last year from the University of Maine in Orono, a school of 13,000 students and the feeling as if you were a lowly calf in the cattle drive they called education, I felt right at home at Westfield State. Especially on the playing fields and courts of varsity athletics.

Sports has always been a passion in my life, some even say an obsession. So, when sports information director Mickey Curtis allowed me the opportunity to work alongside him, I jumped at the chance. A lot of thanks goes out to Curtis, who also maintains the unenviable task of assistant athletics director. You see, Mickey Curtis cares a lot about the student-athletes at the College. There isn't an athlete who has participated in varsity athletics during his 11-year tenure that Curtis doesn't know at least two facts about. Curtis loves his job and loves to teach others the tricks of his trade. Mickey Curtis will always remain at the top of my list whenever I am asked the question of where did I get my start.

My fondest memories will be sitting down with student-athletes and coaches either talking shop or asking them questions about their past and asking them to look into a crystal ball and tell me their future. Special thanks to: Coach Ed Winch, Kristen Schmaelzle, Chris Malloy, Matt Collins, and Erica Pratt for being good soldiers and providing me with great answers to sometimes difficult questions as I experimented with new writing angles.

I also must extend thanks to Jonah Berger and his Campus Voice staff for allowing me a forum to display my love for sports and writing. If people only knew how many sleepless nights these people have spent producing such a fine publication for you.

As I close, I wanted to mention a sector of the athletics population that often goes unnoticed and is grossly underpaid. Coaches Steve Marino, Streya Hart, Donna Coombs, Paul Whalley, Jesse Adams, Jerry Gravel, Bob Rausch, Sean O'Brien, Toni Carr, Dave Laing, Rich Sutter, Rick Berger, Lisa Moskow, John Griffin, and Lou Ann Simchak are not only great educators in their respective sports, but they are people of character who care a great deal about the health and well-being of their student-athletes.

Recognition also must go out to Rich Pierce and his training room staff for the care they give to athletes. Pierce and his student trainers often act as a surrogate parent in the treatment they offer, even when it means spending the early hours of the morning in Noble Hospital caring for an injured Westfield State athlete.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thanks the many assistant coaches who put in countless hours of work so that their programs run efficiently.

If I could leave just one piece of advice behind to those who choose to follow a path in varsity athletics, I would say get involved in any capacity. When you are involved you have created yourself an instant support system of fine people, you develop friendships that truly do last a lifetime, and last but certainly not least you become positive advertising for the College.

Thank you and best of luck throughout many years of Westfield State College athletics.



Women's Track and Field Team

First Row (L-R): Kelly Gasior, Sarah Corriveau, Diana Cares, Melissa Merrow, Lisamarie Walsh, Lori Starsiak, Starr Dziengelewski, Alison Carnie, Amy Warrington, Erica Mellone, Lisa Roy, Shannan Chalmers.

Second row: head coach Toni Carr, Deanna Thomas, Tonya Storozuk, Sara Sechovicz, Karen Bardani, Nora Lynch, Brigitta Brandt, Andrea Petrolini, Melinda Nikola, Miranda Osgood.

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Men's Track and Field Team

First Row (L-R): Mike Vatcher, Marco Iannello, Rick Krupa, Kevin LaCoste, Mark Martineau, Ryan Schmitt, Steve Chandler, Tim Trull, Kyle Rudolph, Tim Smith, Allen Moss.

Second row: Jim Dowd, Dave Carabin, Eric Nygard, Brian Church, David Eaton, Matt Collins, Matt Dowaliby, Patrick Swett, Joe Freeman, Chris MacDonald, Tom Schreiber.

Women's Outdoor Track

New England Alliance Championships

@Westfield State, April 24, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 152; Rhode Island College 126; Bridgewater State 91; Southern Maine 85; Fitchburg State 39; Salem State 37; UMass Dartmouth 26; Worcester State 20; Keene State 15; Eastern Connecticut 14; UMass Boston 6.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Sarah Corriveau	100	13.49
First	Jessica Corriveau	400	1:00.44
First	Diana Cares	3,000	11:11.34
First	Diana Cares	10,000	39:57.97
First	Nora Lynch	Discus	19-6
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Second		4 x 100 Relay	53.46
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Sixth	Jessica Corriveau	Long Jump	14-6 1/2
Sixth	Tonya Storozuk	Javelin	100-5

Schmaelzle, Maines Ranked By NCAA

Two senior members of the 1999 Westfield State women's basketball team ranked highly in the final NCAA Division III statistics.

Senior forward Kristen Schmaelzle of Agawam placed sixth nationally and first in New England in field goal shooting percentage. The 5-7 1/4 post player shot .602 percent from the field, making 154 of 256 field goal at-

tempts. Eastern Connecticut's Jen Zabek of Frontier Regional was ranked ninth nationally, canning .592 percent of her shots.

Westfield senior point guard Holly Maines of Malden-on-Hudson, N.Y., finished 12th nationally in assists per game with an average of 5.7. Maines holds the school records for assists in a season (198) and career (626).

Men's Outdoor Track

New England Alliance Championships

at Westfield State, April 24, 1999

TEAM STANDINGS: Westfield 167; Keene State 130; Bridgewater 92; Eastern Connecticut 57; UMass Dartmouth 42; UMass Boston 42; Fitchburg State 30; Southern Maine 29; Salem State 16; Worcester State 14.

Place	Name	Event	Time/Distance
First	Matt Collins	400	50.43
First	Matt Collins	110 Hurdles	15.52
First	Matt Collins	400 Hurdles	53.26
First	Patrick Swett	High Jump	6-4
First	Vinny Ferrecchia	Javelin	170-2
First		4 x 100 Relay	44.62
Second	Kevin LaCoste	800	2:03.56
Second	Rayshaun Rascoe	110 Hurdles	15.99
Second	Matt Dowaliby	Triple Jump	43-2 1/2
Second		4 x 400 Relay	3:34.08
Third	Joey Freeman	110 Hurdles	16.42
Third	Kevin LaCoste	1500	4:03.8
Third	Mark Martineau	400	51.14
Third	Kyle Rudolph	100	11.5
Third	Mike Vatcher	400 Hurdles	59.43
Third	Tom Schreiber	Hammer Throw	146-11
Fourth	Joey Freeman	High Jump	6-0
Fourth	Joey Freeman	Triple Jump	42-1 1/2
Fourth	Dave Eaton	100	11.55
Fourth	Dave Eaton	200	22.6
Fourth	Rick Krupa	10,000	35:16.42
Fourth	Brian Church	3,000 Steeplechase	10:21.9
Fourth	Ryan Schmitt	Long Jump	20-9 3/4
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Fifth	Brian Stanton	Javelin	146-2
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Sixth	Patrick Swett	400 Hurdles	1:00.78
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Collins Qualifies For Nationals; Corriveau, Cares All New England

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Three members of the Westfield State College track and field teams turned in impressive performances on May 1.

Junior hurdler Matt Collins of Acton qualified automatically for the NCAA Division III national championships with a time of 52.69 in the 400 intermediate hurdles at the Williams meet.

Collins also participated in the national championships a year ago after winning both the New England Division III and All New England 400 hurdles championships.

The 1999 New England Division III championships were May 8 at Colby College. The All New England finals are May 15 at the Uni-

versity of Maine, while the national championships are scheduled for May 19-22 at Baldwin Wallace College just outside of Cleveland, Ohio.

Two weekends ago Collins placed first in the 400 hurdles, the 110 high hurdles and the 400 meter dash at the Mass. State Conference and New England Alliance championships. Additionally, he was a member of the 4 x 400 relay team that placed first at the prestigious Penn Relays on April 23 with a time of 3:24. Westfield also placed first in the 4 x 400 relay in 1985, its first year at the Penn Relays.

Two members of the Westfield State women's track team earned All New England honors with

school record setting performances at the Division 3 championships held May 1 at Springfield College.

Junior Jessica Corriveau placed third in the 400 meter run with a time of 58.42. Three weekends ago the Southbridge native won the conference 200 and 400 meter titles and anchored the winning 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay squads.

Junior Diana Cares of Northboro placed second in the New Englands with a time of 38:59.47 in the 10,000 meter run, which surpassed her previous best by 58 seconds. In the conference championships, Cares was named the Outstanding Meet Performer by setting conference records in winning the 10,000 and 3,000 meter runs.

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One-on-One

Apr. 19, 1999

An Interview With Baseball Standout Chris Malloy

By Tony Staffiere

Athletics Department Student Intern

Westfield State junior right fielder Chris Malloy cannot help be successful. He won't allow himself not to. The Stow, Mass., native has been an all star on the baseball diamond as well as in the classroom. Malloy was named to the MASCAC all academic team with a cumulative grade point average of 3.2, and to conference's second team all league in 1998.

The Owl tri-captain has rapped a team-high 25 base hits to go along with his .384 batting average. Career-wise, Malloy has posted impressive three-year totals: 15 home runs, 116 hits, and a .396 average. During his sophomore season he batted .427 with eight homers.

Malloy will represent Westfield State at the third annual NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference, to be held May 31 to June 4, 1999, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The following is an interview conducted with Malloy on the Westfield State campus.

Q: Who has influenced you the most?

A: I can't single out one person. Both of my parents have had a tremendous influence on my life. My father had a driving influence on the baseball side of things and my mother toward the academic portion. The combination of the two helped me to become a true student-athlete. I would also say my high school baseball coach Bob Poulin (Lincoln-Sudbury). He pushed me to become the best baseball player I could.

Q: What is your favorite baseball memory?

A: I actually have two of them. The first happened in high school. My sophomore year we played Florida Air Academy, the no. 12 ranked team in the country. It was the first game I ever started on the varsity. We beat them 6-4. Recently, it has to be when we beat Eastern Connecticut 7-6 my freshman year. It was on our field, we were down 6-3 going into the bottom of the ninth. We scored two of the four runs with two outs. Just looking at the other team with their heads down and tears in their eyes. Teams like that don't come up here to lose.

Q: What is the best advice you have ever received?

A: I would say it was advice I got from my mother. It was to be passionate about whatever you do. If you don't like what you are doing, the results aren't going to be good.

Q: Who in this world would you most want to sit down with over a cup of coffee that you haven't already?

A: Lou Merloni, infielder for the Boston Red Sox. He is from nearby Framingham which is the town next to mine. He has become a local hero. I grew up watching him in American Legion baseball. He went undrafted but continued to persevere and now he is living out every kid's dream playing for the hometown team.



Chris Malloy receives his certificate from Westfield State College president Frederick Woodward during the breakfast reception last Tuesday that honored student-athletes with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or higher.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Q: What are your career aspirations?

A: I'd be lying if I didn't say I want to continue to play baseball when I leave Westfield State. I have to get lucky, someone has to see me on a good day. Although I want to play baseball, I am not going to put all my eggs in one basket. I do want to go to law school.

Q: Would you ever consider a career in baseball?

A: Later on in life I would like to coach. Right now, I don't think I have the patience because I would be thinking I could still be out there. It takes a special type of person to be a coach. Some of the best players were not good coaches and some of the worst players were.

Q: Is there anything in life you would like to do that you haven't already?

A: Playing in Boston's Fenway Park. The thrill of just being on the field would be something I would never forget. I think it is every kid's dream everywhere to play on that field.

Sports Short

"If the human body recognized agony and frustration, people would never run marathons, have babies, or play baseball."
Carlton Fisk, former Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox catcher

Baseball Shocks Wesleyan

WESTFIELD - Westfield State College rallied from a 7-1 deficit to stun Wesleyan University, 9-8, in baseball action last Wednesday.

The huge victory snapped the Owls' 11-game losing streak; they owned a 2-18 record heading into Saturday's home double header vs. Mass. College of Liberal Arts.

Wesleyan, the third-ranked team in New England Division III, is now 17-6.

Trailing 8-3, Westfield scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth, two coming on a home run by sophomore Matt Donah of Holyoke. The Owls tied the score in the bottom of the ninth on a two-run single with no outs by Chris Bousquet of East Longmeadow (Cathedral High School). Chris Malloy then rapped a runscoring single for the game-winning hit.

Bousquet was 3 for 5 with five RBI, a double, and a triple. Donah and Malloy also pounded doubles and Chicopee's Tom LaFlesh belted two singles.

Junior Doug Smutnick went the distance for the big pitching victory. He got out of a bases loaded jam in the fifth, then threw shutout ball over the final four innings while allowing one hit. In addition, Smutnick did not allow an earned run.

Framingham Sweeps Baseball

The struggling Westfield State College baseball team was swept by Framingham by scores of 18-8 and 20-5 on April 10.

In the opener, the score was tied 4-4 after five innings, but the Owls' pitching fell apart as Framingham scored nine in the sixth and five in the seventh.

John Morrissey was 2-for-4 for Westfield and Chicopee's Tom LaFlesh slugged a solo homer. Catcher Dan Wenzel had a double and three RBI.

Wenzel was 2-for-3 in the nightcap and Chris Malloy slugged a two-run homer for his fourth roundtripper of the season.

Doyle Leads Owls

Junior all conference center fielder Colleen Doyle of Pittsfield (Taconic) celebrated her 21st birthday a day early, going 7-for-9 with six RBI, a triple and a game-winning home run in Westfield State's double header softball sweep of Framingham State.

Doyle ended the second game in dramatic fashion by blasting a two-run homer deep over the left field fence to give the Owls a 6-4, eight-inning victory.

Doyle was 4-for-5 in the second game, and 3-for-4 with three RBI to lead Westfield to an 8-1 triumph in the opener. The Owls broke open a close first game with a seven-run uprising in the fourth inning.

Winning pitcher Phanessa Fisher allowed three hits, one walk and no earned runs and struck out six.

Sophomore Kelly O'Brien also had a big day at the plate for the Owls. She was 3-for-4 in both games, and tied the score in the bottom of the sixth of the nightcap with a key two-out, RBI triple.

Freshman Sarah Brunelle was the winning pitcher in relief.

Springfield Sweeps Softball

WESTFIELD - The Westfield

State College softball team was swept by Springfield College in a double header here Tuesday.

Springfield won the opener, 8-0, backed by a strong pitching performance from Nan Duga, who scattered five hits and struck out 12.

Phanessa Fisher pounded a double for the Owls.

Colleen Doyle and Kelly Walsh singled in both games.

Keene State Sweeps Softball

WESTFIELD - Keene State swept Westfield, 3-0 and 8-3, last Thursday.

Kristen Bailey provided the winning hit in the first game, blasting a solo homer in the sixth inning to break a scoreless tie. Winning pitcher Lindsey Blood struck out 12 and tossed a one-hitter.

Phanessa Fisher had Westfield's only hit, a single off the first baseman's glove with two outs in the seventh inning.

In the second game, Keene State led 4-3 after five innings, then pulled away with a run in the sixth and three in the seventh.

Kelly O'Brien rapped an RBI single.

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, April 20

Baseball

at Western Connecticut, 4:00

Thursday, April 22

Baseball

at Amherst, 3:30

Softball

at Amherst (2), 3:30

Saturday, April 24

Baseball

at Worcester State (2), 12:00

Softball

at Worcester State (2), 12:00

Men's/Women's Track and Field

Mass. State Championships/
New England Alliance Finals
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